



Scholarship Application

September – December 2025 Session

SCHOLARSHIPS OFFERED FOR THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

Introduction to Becoming a Public Water System Operator

Concepts and Practices of Basic Drinking Water Treatment

COURSE INFORMATION:

Introduction to Becoming a Public Water System Operator

Course offered by Massachusetts Water Works Association (MWWA)

Fridays, 7:30 AM -11:00 AM via Zoom

September 26, 2025 – October 24, 2025

Introductory course for individuals with little or no drinking water experience; Prepares students for the Grade 1 Treatment and Grade 1 Distribution Water Operator Examinations, and the Very Small System (VSS) Water Operator Examination.

Concepts and Practices of Basic Drinking Water Treatment

Course offered by Massachusetts Water Works Association (MWWA)

Tuesdays, 7:30 AM -11:00 AM via Zoom

September 23, 2025 – December 16, 2025

Intended for students with some knowledge of the drinking water process and interest in further pursuing a career as a licensed water operator. Course prepares students to sit for the Treatment 2 (T2) water treatment state licensing exam (required to work as a licensed water operator).

SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION: The scholarship covers the tuition and cost of books (approximately \$475 for the Intro Course/\$1,100 for Basic Drinking Water Treatment).

APPLICANT CRITERIA:

- Preference given to Hampden County residents.
- Complete scholarship information and eligibility requirements are available on the Commission's website: <https://waterandsewer.org/scholarships/>. All interested applicants should carefully review the scholarship information before applying.

INSTRUCTIONS: Review all directions and criteria. Complete the entire application form and submit with supporting documentation to the Commission, by email at info@waterandsewer.org, no later than close of business on **August 29, 2025**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

PREVIOUS WORK EXPERIENCE

Attach your current resume or use the space provided below to describe your previous work experience.

ESSAY

*Please use the space provided below to answer the essay prompt or attach a typed response.
Two page maximum.*

ESSAY PROMPT: Describe your interest in enrolling in the basic drinking water treatment course, and your desire to begin a career in the water sector. In your essay please explain the following:

- Why you would like to enroll in the *Concepts and Practices of Basic Drinking Water Treatment* training course.
- How this scholarship will help you in successfully completing the course.
- What interests you about pursuing a career in the water industry.

COURSE OPTIONS

Please select the course you are interested in enrolling in.

Introduction to Becoming a Public Water System Operator (Prepares students for T1/D1 & VSS)

Concepts and Practices of Basic Drinking Water Treatment (Prepares students for T2)

COURSE ATTENDANCE

Attendance and participation are required to successfully complete the course. Please complete the question below for the course you are applying for.

For the course *Introduction to Becoming a Public Water System Operator*

Are you available Friday mornings, 7:30 AM -11:00 AM, September 26 through October 24, 2025, to participate in the virtual course via Zoom?

Yes No Not Sure

For the course *Concepts and Practices of Basic Drinking Water Treatment*

Are you available Tuesday mornings, 7:30 AM -11:00 AM, September 23 through December 16, 2025, to participate in the virtual course via Zoom?

Yes No Not Sure

APPLICATION PROCESSING

Submit your completed application, including any attachments and supporting documents, to the Springfield Water and Sewer Commission via email info@waterandsewer.org.

Application submission by email is strongly encouraged. Mailed applications will be accepted, however, please note that completed application forms must be received by the Commission by the application deadline. The address for mailing applications is Springfield Water and Sewer Commission, PO Box 995, Springfield MA 01101-0995 ATTN: Educational Outreach Manager.

Completed applications must be received **no later than 5:00 PM on Friday, August 29, 2025** to be considered for the scholarship opportunity. Incomplete applications will not be processed. Applicants will be notified if they have been selected for the final round of the scholarship application process and will be scheduled for a virtual interview.

SIGNATURE

Print Name:

Signature:

Date:

For electronic submissions please type your name in the signature box.

The Springfield Water and Sewer Commission is an Equal Opportunity Employer. All candidates selected for a position with the Commission must pass a pre-employment drug screen, physical, and CORI check.