

# The 2024 Aaron Thomas Memorial Scholarship

Greetings Baltimore City and Baltimore County High School Seniors!

The Chesapeake Section, American Water Works Association (CSAWWA) and Hazen and Sawyer invite you to apply for the 2024 Aaron Thomas Memorial Scholarship, which is available to Baltimore City and Baltimore County high school/home-schooled seniors interested in a career in the water utility industry. **The \$3,500 scholarship** can be utilized for higher education tuition, fees, books, and school supplies for a student interested in pursuing their Bachelor's degree or trade certification related to an environmental or water/wastewater-engineering career.



## Who is Aaron Thomas?

Aaron Thomas's more than 25-year engineering career was exemplified by countless instances where he went above and beyond to solve a water system's challenges, even when it required getting dirty by fixing filters and chutes with his own tools and hands. His hands-on approach to improving water and wastewater treatment facilities throughout the Mid-Atlantic region included preparing the next generation of engineers to do the same. Mr. Thomas took pride in introducing children to how water and wastewater systems work through classroom presentations and supporting interns and young engineers by guiding them through real-life engineering obstacles.

In that same spirit, Hazen and Sawyer is pleased to partner with CSAWWA to present the Aaron Thomas Memorial Scholarship to a graduating Baltimore City or Baltimore County high school senior who exhibits passion, curiosity, leadership, and eagerness to contribute to improving water and wastewater systems, the health of the Chesapeake Bay, and the nation.

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## Eligibility

- Must be a Baltimore City or Baltimore County high school/home-schooled senior graduating in the spring of 2024
- Must be pursuing a Bachelor's degree or trade certification related to an environmental or water/wastewater-engineering career. Eligible engineering paths include environmental, biological systems, civil, chemical, mechanical, electrical, structural, or geotechnical engineering. Trades include carpentry, plumbing, electric, and construction inspection - all of which are important to the continued growth of the water and wastewater industry.
- Must be accepted into a college/university or trade school for the 2024-2025 school year, by the time of award (May 2024).

## Deadline

The deadline for applying for this scholarship is March 31, 2024, and the award will be announced in May 2024. Applicants will fill out the application form here:

[2024 Aaron Thomas Scholarship Application](#)

## Application Questions

What will be the focus of your continuing education?

Describe your water career goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve them.

Describe any awards, citations, or honors that you received from school.

Describe any awards, citations or honors that you received outside of school.

Describe and provide examples of your leadership qualities and experience.

Describe your hobbies and extracurricular activities. Provide additional details for water-related activities.

Please send a copy of your transcript to [admin@csawwa.org](mailto:admin@csawwa.org). Applicants will be primarily evaluated on their short answer responses in the application, but their GPA will also be taken into consideration.

Please email [admin@csawwa.org](mailto:admin@csawwa.org) if you have any questions.