



American Public Works Association Washington State Chapter

Ruta Jones Memorial Scholarship Application – 2026

The Washington State Chapter of the American Public Works Association is offering a **\$1,000** training scholarship to honor Ruta Jones. Ruta was an active servant leader of the Washington APWA Chapter and caring employee of the City of Wenatchee. As an administrative assistant at the City of Wenatchee for over forty years, she truly cared about and took care of those around her. Not only was Ruta a fixture at the City of Wenatchee, but she was also a pillar of the Washington Chapter and part of our APWA family. Ruta spearheaded the Chapter’s annual fall conferences for over two decades.

In Ruta’s honor, the Washington Chapter is offering this scholarship to provide the opportunity for a public works administrative or support staff member to attend a training of their choice. Ruta earned her degree in Business Administration from Central Washington University and she relished any opportunity to continue her learning journey. This scholarship is offered to any current administration staff member of a public agency or APWA-member firm. The scholarship will reimburse up to \$1,000 for conference or training registration, lodging and transportation. Winner will submit receipts and be reimbursed up to \$1,000.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1 The application process is open to administrative or support staff at APWA-member agencies or firms in Washington State.
- 2 The applicant shall meet their employer’s definition of full time employment for the current year.
- 3 Evaluation criteria will include excellence in work history, a dedication to community involvement, a commitment to continuing education, and demonstrated knowledge of the public works industry.

Application Instructions

Please fill-in the following application completely.

Applications must be submitted in electronic format (PDF).

No hard copies will be accepted.

Applications are due no later than June 19, 2026.

Applications shall be emailed to
Liam Olsen, APWA Scholarship
Committee Chair
liam.olsen@jacobs.com



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General Information

Name (Last, First, Middle Initial)

Telephone

Mailing Address (Street, City, State, Zip)

Email Address

Work History

Current Employer

Months of Service

Address

Supervisor

Telephone

Duties/Responsibilities

May we contact this employer? Yes No



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Essay Questions

Please respond to each essay question in a separate document - PDF or Word Documents are acceptable. 500 words max per essay.

- 1 Ruta was a tireless volunteer for APWA over the years, can you share an example (or examples) of service to your agency or community?
- 2 What APWA events are of interest to you and why would you like to attend?
- 3 Why do you choose to work in public works as an administrative professional? How do you feel you contribute to the public works industry in your role?

Applicant Signature

Date
