

# The Skinny on Scholarships



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Most of us know that the Right of Way International Education Foundation is the non-profit funding mechanism for right of way education, providing funds for new courses, updates of existing courses and other education initiatives. Not as many of us remember that RWIEF supports three scholarship programs, so here's the skinny.

## 40 For 40 Launching Careers Scholarship

Launched in 2017 to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, RWIEF partnered with IRWA to provide forty scholarships to IRWA members in good standing, committed to achieving the Right of Way Agent or Right of Way Professional credential. Two recipients from each of the ten IRWA regions, plus twenty more recipients from members throughout IRWA were selected. A list of recipients can be seen at <https://www.irwaonline.org/professional-development/scholarship-programs>. RWIEF will fund these scholarships for three years, committing up to \$185,000. IRWA will manage the program. Recipients must complete course work within three years of award date.

## RWIEF Region Professional of the Year Scholarship

Since 2016, RWIEF has funded this scholarship to encourage and provide incentives for region professionals to further their education by taking IRWA courses and/or attending the annual education conference. The ten IRWA regions select their Professional of the Year and RWIEF awards these individuals with a \$500 scholarship toward course or conference registration. Each region has its own selection process, so contact your Region Chair for selection requirements and deadlines.

## SARPA Scholarship Sponsored by the RWIEF

In 1991, thanks to a generous donation from the now-defunct California State Association of Real Property Agents (SARPA), IRWA instituted the SARPA Scholarship fund, which is awarded to active students (IRWA members or their family) majoring in a course of study related to the right of way or public works administration profession. Eligible majors include, but are not limited to, law, real estate, civil engineering, property management, and business and public administration. Recipients are chosen every year by the International Nominations and Elections Committee. Scholarship funds are held in trust by RWIEF. The scholarship amount varies from year to year, being the annual interest earned from the initial trust donation, plus any additional principal contributions to the trust. RWIEF determines the amount of money available and issues the funds. Applications can be found on the IRWA website and must be submitted to the INEC by the first business day of February each year.

