



Right of Way Foundation Legacy Scholarship

(formerly the SARPA Scholarship)

Sponsored by the Right of Way International Education Foundation (RWIEF)

Official Nomination Form

Submission Deadline: February 1

Eligibility: All active students majoring in a course of study related to the right of way profession and/or public works administration who meet the minimum criteria listed below

Submission Email: irwainecchair@gmail.com

Submission Items:

1. Application and supporting material
2. Transcript for the last three (3) years of studies
3. Letter of recommendation from faculty
4. Letter of recommendation from an employer or professional associate (If you have not been employed, the letter may be from a community member or clergyman with whom you are personally acquainted)
5. Brief biography

Application Receipt: You will receive acknowledgement of your application within 48 hours of submission

Winner Announcement: Winner(s) will be announced at the Awards Luncheon during the Annual Conference.

Award: Recognition plaque and scholarship award amount to be announced during the Awards Luncheon.

Description

- In 1991, the International Right of Way Association entered into an agreement with the State Association of Real Property Agents (SARPA), whereby SARPA granted IRWA funds held as principal in the "SARPA Scholarship Trust," the interest from which is to be distributed annually by IRWA as administered by the International Nominations & Elections Committee (INEC). The intent of the SARPA Scholarship is to cultivate career interest in the right of way profession of our youth.
- This scholarship is awarded to active students majoring in a course of study related to the right of way profession and/or public works administration. Eligible majors include, but are not limited to, law, real estate, civil engineering, property management, and business and public administration.
- The amount of the scholarship may vary from year to year.
- The submittal of this application gives the INEC consent to utilize the written bio as promotional material if the applicant is selected as the recipient of the award.
- The successful applicant shall advise the INEC of the name of the institution to which the scholarship shall be payable. This demonstrates that the scholarship was used precisely in the manner intended by the SARPA grant.
- In 2026, the scholarship was renamed from the State Association of Real Property Agents (SARPA) Scholarship to the Right of Way Legacy Foundation Scholarship.

Minimum Criteria

- Applicants must be enrolled as full-time undergraduates or postgraduates in an accredited four-year college or university, or in an accredited two or three-year junior college.
- Applicants shall be majoring in a course of study related to the right of way and/or public works administration areas (e.g., real estate, surveying, engineering, law, property management, public works administration, environmental science, business or public administration, etc.).
- Applicants shall be a member or family member of a current member of the IRWA who are in good standing, (The term "family member" shall include spouse, son, daughter, stepson, stepdaughter, grandchildren or great-grandchildren.)
- The applicant shall submit transcripts and course credit information and shall complete a written essay on his or her plans and goals in the right of way field.
- The applicant shall maintain a minimum grade point average of 3.0 during the last three years of studies to qualify.
- The applicant must submit a written bio with the application.
- The applicant shall be 25 years of age or younger based upon the 1st business day of February.
- The applicant shall make an application using the most recent scholarship form found on the IRWA website. The form shall be endorsed and forwarded by the Chapter.

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Award Nomination Application

Nomination Information

Name (Nominee) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Postal Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____ Chapter # _____ Region # _____

☐ IRWA Member

☐ Family Member of an IRWA Member

☐ Student Member

If applying as a family member, please provide the name of the IRWA member and their relationship to you.

IRWA Member Name _____ Relationship to Applicant _____

Education Information

Name of College/University _____

Location _____ Major _____

Area of Specialization _____

Credit Hours (place full time credit minimum) _____

Full-Time Student ☐ Yes ☐ No

Essay

In the space below, write an essay describing your plans and goals in the right of way profession, how you were introduced to the profession and how you plan to contribute to the profession. (word count: minimum 250; maximum 500)

Agreement

I hereby apply for the Right of Way Legacy Foundation Scholarship Sponsored by the RWIEF and agree that if selected as the recipient, I will comply with all terms and conditions concerning its use. I further agree that if selected as the recipient, I will allow the International Right of Way Association to publish my name, picture and biography in its literature and press releases. I hereby certify that all information in this application is correct and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. I have not previously been a recipient of this scholarship.

Signature _____ Date _____

IRWA Chapter Endorsement

The applicant must send this completed application along with support materials and other required documents as described above to the Chapter President. The Chapter President shall complete the section below and forward the entire application package (including all required documents) to the INEC Chair.

Chapter President Signature _____ Chapter # _____ Region # _____

Chapter President Name _____ Date _____

Phone Number _____ Email _____