



**GEORGIA SWANA 2026 FALL CONFERENCE
JEKYLL ISLAND, GEORGIA
STUDENT YOUNG PROFESSIONAL SPONSORSHIP APPLICATION FORM
DUE: AUGUST 9, 2026**

Are you **a student between 18-35 years old and passionate about solid waste management and recycling?** The Georgia SWANA Semi-Annual Conference Scholarship is your chance to dive into this vital field and enhance your education and career prospects.

Georgia SWANA's semi-annual conference will take place September 9-11, 2026, in Jekyll Island, GA. This sponsorship provides scholarships for 2 or more students to cover their conference registration and accommodation for up to two nights during the conference (see details below).

Why Apply?

Expert Learning: Gain insights from industry leaders on improving solid waste management operations, from collection to processing and marketing recyclable materials.

Practical Experience: Participate in interactive sessions and workshops that will equip you with practical skills and knowledge specific to solid waste and recycling.

Professional Networking: Connect with policymakers, engineers, planners, scientists, managers, and marketing experts who are shaping the future of solid waste management and recycling.

Impactful Knowledge: Discover best practices for environmental protection, community outreach, and occupational safety that you can apply in your future solid waste and recycling career.

Stay Updated: Stay informed about the latest policies and trends in solid waste management and recycling that affect our communities.

Whether you're studying environmental science, engineering, marketing, or any related field, this scholarship offers a unique opportunity to attend the conference and gain valuable experience. Don't miss out on this exciting chance to advance your education and career!

For more information, go to the website at: <https://gaswana.org/conferences>

To be eligible for this scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a SWANA student member as of August 9, 2026 (*membership is FREE for students*)
- Be a young professional (between the ages of 18-35)
- Be enrolled in a major related to environmental science, engineering, sustainability, or a related field.
- Demonstrate involvement in projects, internships, or extracurricular activities focused on solid waste management and recycling.

Note that preference is given to students attending a higher education institution in the state of Georgia.

Please answer the following questions for a chance to receive a sponsorship to attend the Georgia SWANA Conference from September 9-11, 2026, in Jekyll Island, GA.

Sponsorship Description and Instructions (Approximate Value of \$1,000):

- Full conference registration. Please select what days you can attend:
 - ☐ Wednesday, September 9th for educational sessions, networking, and welcome reception at the Conference Center (11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.)

☐ Thursday, September 10th for educational sessions, networking, vendor reception, and activities of choice (golf tournament, 5K & 1-Mile Fun Run, raffle, young professional pickleball event, community service project... and more!) (8:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.)

☐ Friday, September 11th for educational sessions, tours, and door prizes for attendance! (8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.)

The schedule shown above is a draft conference schedule. View the full schedule and educational session lineup at [SWANA, Georgia Chapter - Conferences](#)

- Up to **two** nights at the Jekyll Island Home2Suites Hotel included for students out of the area. Please indicate which nights, if any, you would need a hotel:

☐ Wednesday, September 9, 2026

☐ Thursday, September 10, 2026

Application Information:

Name: _____

College/University/Organization: _____

Major/Area of Interest: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Are you a member of Georgia SWANA? Yes ☐ No ☐

To become a member of SWANA (students get free membership), please go to www.swana.org/membership

Are you between the ages of 18-35? Yes ☐ No ☐

Share your passion for solid waste management and recycling, highlighting your relevant experiences, career aspirations, and how you plan to make a positive impact with the knowledge gained from the conference. (Max 300 words for each response)

Please answer the following questions (Attach responses along with a resume to the completed form):

What interest do you have in solid waste or recycling as a profession?

What do you hope to gain from attending the conference?

Please attach your most updated resume (2 pages max). Resume Attached Yes ☐ No ☐

College Professor/Supervisor Name: _____

College Professor/Supervisor Email: _____

Department/Organization: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Release Statement: I certify that the information provided in this application is accurate and correct to the best of my knowledge. SWANA reserves the right to publish the enclosed information. Applications become the property of SWANA. My signature gives SWANA the right to reprint any portion of this submittal.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____

Due Date: August 9, 2026

Submit to: Georgia SWANA YP Committee
yp@gaswana.org

Additional information pertaining to the conference will be distributed upon selection of the sponsorship recipients.

THANK YOU!