



Future Leaders Scholarship

ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship is a two-year scholarship awarded to a deserving college student entering their junior year of undergraduate studies or the last two years of a 5-year or dual degree undergraduate program. ASFPM Foundation's vision for this scholarship is to create an additional means to advance flood risk management research and practice by helping to support the education of future flood risk management professionals. Each scholarship will be awarded to a deserving college student who plans to work after graduation in a profession that directly, or indirectly, supports the field of flood risk management. The selected scholar will receive direct financial assistance, mentoring and support finding a paid summer internship in a relevant professional setting.

Applications for the Fall 2022 to Spring 2024 Future Leaders Scholarship will be available in November 2021.

Duration of Scholarship:

This scholarship is awarded for up to a two-year duration to a student entering their junior year in a 4-year undergraduate degree program or entering the last two years of a 5-year or dual degree undergraduate program.

Amount of Scholarship and What It Covers:

The scholarship will be in the amount of up to \$20,000 per year for two years. The funds will pay the recipient's college or university directly for any tuition costs which exceed any existing financial aid or scholarships up to \$20,000 per year. Funds remaining after tuition payment may be used for other educational expenses, room and board in a college dormitory, or an equivalent stipend if living off campus. The precise amount of the stipend will be negotiated by the Foundation with the scholar prior to the beginning of the academic year.

Minimum Eligibility Requirements:

The applicant must:

- be a U.S. citizen or have U.S. permanent resident alien status;
- have graduated from high school prior to August 2021;
- have completed a minimum of 1 year of studies at a college or university by January 2022;
- be entering their junior year or entering their 4th year of a 5-year dual degree program in Fall 2022;
- have a cumulative, minimum GPA of 2.5 (or equivalent) at the completion of the Fall Semester 2021;
- be attending an accredited public or private college or university in the United States or its territories; and
- be pursuing a course of study related to the missions of the Association of State Floodplain Managers and ASFPM Foundation, which entail flood risk management or any of its related components.

In order to maintain the scholarship in the second year, the recipient must remain in good academic standing at the end of the first year with the college or university and carry a full academic load, sufficient to graduate from college at the conclusion of the two-year scholarship.

In addition, because mentorship and working in a field related to flood risk management are important components of being an ASFPM Foundation Future Leaders scholar, the scholarship recipient will be strongly encouraged to complete a paid summer internship between the first and second year with an ASFPM corporate, government or NGO partner. ASFPM and ASFPM Foundation will assist the scholar in securing a suitable paid internship.

Additional Selection Criteria:

- Cumulative GPA at the completion of the fall college semester prior to application.
- Employment history, including paid and unpaid internships.
- Awards, achievements and honors.
- Relevant volunteer activities and hobbies.
- Cumulative GPA at the completion of the fall college semester prior to application.
- Evaluation of two required essays.
- Evaluation of reference letters.
- Demonstrated oral and written communication skills.
- Demonstrated financial need.
- Desire and willingness to participate in ASFPF activities at the state and national levels, e.g., attend annual conferences and participate in relevant professional committees within ASFPF.

Application and Selection Process:

- Applicants must [complete an online application](#) and all required attachments for the ASFPF Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship must be received by the application deadline of January 31, 2022.
- The highest-ranking candidates, as determined by the selection committee, will be interviewed in person, by telephone, or via video in March 2022.
- The selected ASFPF Foundation Future Leader Scholar will be announced by the end of April 2022, with concurrent notifications to non-selected applicants.

Required Attachments:

The following attachments are required with the [online application](#). They may be uploaded and attached to the application or emailed separately to asfpmfoundation@floods.org:

- Proof of U.S. Citizenship or Permanent Residency Status
- Transcript of cumulative GPA from the 2021 Fall Semester or its equivalent trimester (2.5 or above)
- Copy of your most recent FAFSA
- Resume listing employment history, as well as awards, achievements, and/or honors
- Two essays (as described below)*
- Letter of Reference** - Academic/Professional (from a professor or past/current employer)
- Letter of Reference** - Character (from a non-academic/professional reference who is not a family member and can attest to the good character of the applicant)

* Applicants are to provide two original essays (max. 750 words each):

1. Describe your personal background, including how or why you became interested in the field of flood-risk management (for example, from personal experience or course work), and how completed and planned coursework and work experience will prepare you for a career in the flood risk management. Please include in this essay any statement of financial need.
2. What do you see as the challenges in flood risk management today and how do you believe you can contribute / make a difference in the flood risk management in the United States and its territories in the future?

** If your references would prefer to send their letters directly to ASFPF Foundation, please ask them to submit the letter directly via email to asfpmfoundation@floods.org or via mail to the following address: ASFPF Foundation, Attn: Gigi Trebatoski, 8301 Excelsior Drive, Madison, WI 53717. **All supporting documents must be received by January 31, 2022 for an application to be considered complete.**

For More Information:

Questions on the ASFPF Foundation Future Leaders Scholarship may be directed to asfpmfoundation@floods.org and will usually be answered within 48 hours.

To learn more about the ASFPF Foundation visit asfpmfoundation.org and to learn more about the ASFPF visit floods.org.