



**Utility Engineering & Surveying Institute
Public-Sector Utility Scholarship Program
Pipelines Conference
Policy and Procedures Document**

1.0 Mission Statement

The goal of the Public-Sector Utility Scholarship program is to promote outreach and engagement with the public sector by awarding scholarships to attend the UESI Pipelines conference. Attendance and participation at UESI sponsored events will provide opportunities for public sector utility practitioners and policy makers to engage with industry to expand their knowledge of the trends, tools and technologies in current industry practice. This direct public-private engagement will promote the development of partnerships within the practice and more cost-effective investment in public infrastructure safety. The Public-Sector Utility Scholarship program will provide a means to incentivize public sector employee participation at industry forums and encourage public sector membership in UESI.

2.0 Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must be full-time employees of a municipality, local, state or national public-sector agency or public utility located in North America:

- 2.1 “Public-Sector Agency” – Defined as an incorporated or chartered governmental unit or local council authority providing infrastructure services, either urban or rural, to cities, towns, local villages, townships, boroughs, counties, hamlets, regions, or districts.
- 2.2 “Public Utility” - Defined as a business that owns, operates or delivers utility services for direct public benefit and use. A public utility may typically provide water, waste water, storm water, electric power, natural gas, telecommunications, internet and other essential services. A public utility provides a direct public service or commodity delivery and is publicly owned.

Immediate family members (defined as parents, spouse, children and siblings) of ASCE and UESI employees, members of the UESI Board of Governors, UESI Executive and Technical Division Committees and UESI contracted agents are not eligible to participate in the Public-Sector Utility scholarship program.

3.0 List of People Who Will Be Notified of This Opportunity

UESI staff will develop a list of contacts that will be notified of this opportunity. The list will be composed of municipal and public-sector employees. UESI staff will schedule a series of email

blasts to market the Public-Sector Utility scholarship and place notification in the quarterly UESI newsletter and on the UESI website.

The UESI Board will determine the number of scholarships to be awarded based on available funds.

4.0 Application Process

The first 100 eligible applicants who register for the Pipelines 2023 Conference will be awarded the scholarship. The process to register will be to fill out the paper form on the Pipelines 2023 Conference website and submit to UESI Staff via email.

5.0 Review Process

All free registrations are provisional until they have been verified. Each week the received registrations will be reviewed by UESI Staff and confirmed that they meet the criteria as stated in section 2.0. Registrants will be informed of their status after that review. UESI staff will reach out to Steering Committee and Pipelines ExCom members if there are questions if their organization qualifies for the scholarship.

6.0 Terms & Conditions

Notice of award shall be by email/letter and phone call.

Scholarships are non-transferable and have no redeemable cash value.

The scholarship award covers registration fees for the UESI Pipelines conference only. All scholarship recipients are responsible for their own travel, transportation, lodging and related expenses. UESI is not responsible for canceled flights or any other instance that impacts the scholarship recipient's attendance. Parking fees and incidental expenses are not included and are the sole responsibility of the conference attendee.

ASCE and UESI accept no responsibility for scholarship recipients while onsite for the Pipelines 2023 Conference or during travel periods to and from the event. Scholarship recipients and their employers shall indemnify and hold harmless ASCE and UESI, of any other liability or prejudice arising during or relating to participation in this program.

Professional, ethical behavior is expected and required while attending the UESI Pipelines 2023 Conference and UESI reserves the right to rescind a scholarship at any time without appeal.