

**2022-2023
HWEA Executive Board**

President

Alicia Suzuki

Kennedy Jenks Consultants
Email: president@hwea.org

Vice-President

Cari Ishida

Carollo Engineers
Email: vice-president@hwea.org

Treasurer (2022-2025)

Amanda Tanaka

Fukunaga and Associates
Email: treasurer@hwea.org

Secretary

Brandon Uejo

ParEn, Inc. dba Park Engineering
Email: secretary@hwea.org

PWO Representative (2019-2022)

Herman Ellis III

City and County of Honolulu
Department of Environmental Services
Sand Island Wastewater Treatment
Plant
Email: pwo-representative@hwea.org

Past President

Jonathan Baker

City and County of Honolulu
Department of Environmental Services
Sand Island Wastewater Treatment
Plant
Email: past-president@hwea.org

HWEA Delegate

Kyle Yukumoto

R.M. Towill Corporation
Email: national-director@hwea.org

Operator Scholarship Application WEFTEC 2022

The purpose of this scholarship is to provide funding for individuals who are seeking operator education or certification to advance their knowledge, skills, abilities or license by attending **WEFTEC 2022**.

Benefits of attending and conference information: <https://www.weftec.org/>

Eligible individuals must be

- A member of the Hawaii Water Environment Association (HWEA) with a Professional Operator member status through Water Environment Association (WEF)
- Seeking an entry-level operator's license; or a licensed entry-level or above operator seeking professional development.

Timeline

- 6/21/22 Scholarship announcement
- 7/8/22 Applications due by 5pm via email to president@hwea.org
- 7/18/22 Board notifies awardees
- 7/29/22 Deadline for awardees to register for WEFTEC

Application

The application will be reviewed based on the answer to the following questions and employer recommendation letter.

1. Name
2. Email
3. WEF Membership Number
4. Current employer
5. Island of residence
6. A short introduction / biography of yourself so we can get to know you. [consider including information related to your education, career path, current place of employment, job function(s), extracurricular activities, and/or hobbies]. (100 Word Limit)
7. Describe why you would like to attend **WEFTEC 2022** and what you most hope to gain through participation. (100-Word Limit)
8. Essay on one of the following questions. (200-Word limit)
 - a. Why did you select this career?
 - b. How do you want to contribute to the field/industry?
 - c. What are your career goals?

HWEA will provide up to \$3000 to cover travel expenses (airfare, 4 nights hotel, registration, and ground transportation) to **WEFTEC 2022 October 10-12 in New Orleans**. To assist the Selection Committee, please provide a 1-page letter from your employer, which includes approval to attend and at least two reasons why you should attend **WEFTEC 2022**.

Selection

The Selection Committee will review applications for completeness, professionalism, and responses to questions. Incomplete applications will not be eligible for award. Up to four operators will be selected.

Responsibility of Awardees

- Before conference:
 - Self-register before July 29 for Full Conference & Expo as a Professional Operator Member
 - Self-arrange travel accommodations
 - Submit budgetary expenses to HWEA for review
- During conference
 - Attend Operations Challenge with PWO Representative
 - Achieve a minimum of 6 contact hours per day to apply for continuing education credits by attending technical sessions and the exhibition hall. *WEFTEC participation is tracked using badges provided during registration or onsite pickup. Be sure to scan your badge for credits when entering and exiting each session. For exhibition related credits, attendees will be required to scan badges at the CE Kiosks located near hall entrances.*
 - Attend the HWEA's WEFTEC social event
- After attending the conference
 - Provide a photo and paragraph write up of your experience for publication in HWEA's newsletter, Lua Line
 - Complete a video interview about your experience
 - Submit expense report to HWEA for reimbursement (airfare, 4 nights hotel, registration, and ground transportation)
 - Submit your documentation of attendance to the Hawaii Board of Certification for CEU credit
 - Complete any employer and tax required paperwork

Questions

Contact Alicia at president@hwea.org or 808-218-6070.