

ERTC Scholarship

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE) and Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD)



ABOUT THE PROGRAM

Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville (SIUE) Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC) *Water Quality Control Operations Program* is a certification program that emphasizes practical training over weekly coursework covering the theoretical aspects of drinking water and wastewater treatment presented in lecture sessions and supplemented by hands-on experience in labs and treatment shops then followed by a work-study internship at a treatment plant and water facility.

For additional information about the ERTC program, go to www.siu.edu/ertc/.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

The Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District (MSD) and SIUE have teamed up to create scholarships for the Environmental Resource Training Center (ERTC) of SIUE. MSD is offering two (2) academic scholarships to minority and female candidates.

MSD will award a **\$10,000 scholarship** towards the recipient's tuition and fees to attend the ERTC Water Quality Control Operations Program. Scholarship is paid in two distributions: (\$5,000 first semester + \$5,000 second semester = \$10,000 total scholarship.) Plus a \$1,000.00 stipend.

Minority and female applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Acceptance and enrollment in the ERTC program.
- Submit a 1-page essay on:
 - *What are your career goals, and how will earning a Water Quality Control Operations Certificate from ERTC help you achieve those goals?*
- Maintain an academic standard of 2.00 GPA (on a 4.00 scale) during both semesters.
- Applicant cannot be an immediate family member or reside in the same household of an MSD employee.
- Scholarship application must be received / **postmarked by July 6, 2026.**

SUBMISSION AND CONTACT INFORMATION

All questions and submissions should be sent to:

Contact: Jason Stroder | Human Resources Manager | (314) 768-6237 Option 1 | jstroder@stlmsd.com
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Address: Metropolitan St. Louis Sewer District
2350 Market Street | St. Louis MO 63103-2555

✓ CHECKLIST

To be eligible for this scholarship, complete the following:

- Provide verification of acceptance and enrollment in the ERTC program for the 2026-2027 Academic School Year.
- Current Resume
- Submission of the scholarship application and a 1-page essay on: *What are your career goals, and how will earning a Water Quality Control Operations Certificate from ERTC help you achieve those goals?* must be received postmarked by **July 6, 2026**.

✓ APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name			
Address			
City	State	Zip	Ethnicity
Phone	Email		Gender

✓ Education Information

Date of Enrollment or Acceptance to the ERTC program (MM/DD/YYYY)	SIUE Current Status
List Previous Schools Attended: (Post-Secondary/High Schools/GED)	Date of Attendances (MM/YYYY - MM/YYYY) Please indicate if you have graduated.
Graduated/Completion/GED <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; width: 100%;"> Yes No </div>	Graduation Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

✓ Financial Resources

Have you applied for other scholarships or financial aid?	Yes	No
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ESSAY

Career Goals

What are your career goals, and how will earning a Water Quality Control Operations Certificate from ERTC help you achieve those goals?

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

I hereby acknowledge that the information that has been provided is true and accurate. I also understand that any information that is not true will be considered falsification of the application and will result in immediate suspension from consideration.

Print Name	
Signature	Sign Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

