



The Central States Water Environment Association

Greetings,

On behalf of the Central States Water Environment Association (CSWEA) I would like to introduce you to the student opportunities available through the Midwest Student Design Competition. This year, the competition will be held on **Monday, April 6, 2020** in Madison, Wisconsin at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. This is a unique opportunity for students at the college level to demonstrate their engineering skills and practices by researching and preparing a design for a water quality-based project and presenting their project to water industry professionals.

There are three categories of Student Design Competitions available for students from Illinois, Minnesota and Wisconsin:

CSWEA Student Design Competition: For the CSWEA Design Competition, there are two different categories that student can compete in; Wastewater Design and Environmental Design. The competition at the CSWEA level is intended to feed into the national competition at the annual WEFTEC conference, which this year is scheduled for October 3-7, 2020 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Winning teams will receive a stipend of up to \$1,000/student for travel and lodging expenses to attend the WEFTEC conference.

GWS Student Design Competition: The GWS Design Competition requires teams of students to design and present a project meeting the requirements of the real-life problem statement titled “Global Water Stewardship: La Fortuna, Costa Rica”. Winning teams will receive a stipend of up to \$1,000/student for travel and lodging expenses to accompany GWS representatives on their August fact-finding trip to Costa Rica and to present their project to local community representatives.

CSWEA will provide funding for lodging and travel expenses to assist student teams or individuals from Illinois, Wisconsin or Minnesota universities to present at the CSWEA and GWS competitions in April. We understand it is hard to schedule students to participate and we'll be as flexible as possible in working with students and professors to afford the opportunity to participate on the design competition date. Design projects from 1st or 2nd semester coursework are eligible. Please read over the attached guidelines and provide this information to any interested students in the water quality field that you feel may benefit from such an experience.

I look forward to hearing from you with any questions or if you need additional information on how to participate in these events I can be contacted by phone at (815) 762-5919 or email at mholland@kishwrd.com.

Best Regards;

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