



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 11, 2022** in Madison, Wisconsin at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. This is a unique opportunity for students at the college level to demonstrate their ability to evaluate alternatives, develop a comprehensive design, and present a solution that meets the requirements of a socially relevant problem statement.

There are three (3) categories of Student Design Competitions available. The WEF Categories are open to students from Illinois, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Indiana, and Missouri. The GWS Category is open to all international students.

WEF Categories: For Midwest Student Design Competition, there are two different Water Environment Federation (WEF) categories that student can compete in; Wastewater Design and Water Environment Design. The competition at the state/regional level is intended to feed into the national competition at the annual WEFTEC conference, which this year is scheduled for October 9, 2022 in New Orleans, Louisiana. Stipends for travel and lodging expenses to New Orleans vary depending on the student's respective WEF Member Association (MA).

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

CSWEA will provide funding in the amount of \$500.00 per team for lodging and travel expenses to assist student teams or individuals from Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Indiana, and Missouri universities to present at the Midwest Student Design Competition in April. Funding may also be provided to student teams or individuals who fall outside of the States listed above, pending discussions between CSWEA and applicable student teams or individuals. 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 847-450-9885 or email at lapastora@nmwrd.org.

Best Regards;

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