

APWA-NC Public Works Institute (PWI) - Application for Registration

Program Overview

The North Carolina Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA NC) is pleased to accept applications for the APWA NC Public Works Institute (PWI), a structured, chapter-wide leadership development academy designed for first-line supervisors, aspiring leaders, and mid-career public works professionals across North Carolina.

The program delivers 90 hours of instruction across four three-day modules held during a single fiscal year:

- **Module 1:** September 23-25, 2026(Hickory)
- **Module 2:** November 4-6, 2026 (Greensboro)
- **Module 3:** February 10-12, 2026 (Raleigh)
- **Module 4:** March 17-19, 2026 (Wilmington)

Each module rotates to a different region of the state to ensure statewide accessibility and exposure.

The curriculum includes:

Supervisory and management techniques, Leadership and communication skills, Government fundamentals, Public works finance and budgeting, Legal and risk management considerations, and Asset management and public works operations

The program culminates in a capstone project, which participants present during the final module and subsequently may share at APWA NC Division conferences.

Class size is intentionally limited to 30 participants to promote meaningful engagement, high-quality instruction, and the development of lasting professional relationships.

Program Cost

The total cost for participation in the APWA NC Public Works Institute is **\$1,500 per student**.

This fee covers:

- Instruction across all four modules (90 total hours)
- Course materials and resources
- Daily lunch and snacks
- Access to subject matter experts and industry leaders
- Presentation opportunities

Participants (or their sponsoring organizations) are responsible for any additional expenses such as travel, lodging, and meals not covered by the course.

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Applicant Information

Name: _____
Title/Position: _____
Organization/Agency: _____
Department: _____
Mailing Address: _____
Phone: _____
Email: _____
Years of Experience in Public Works: _____

Eligibility and Commitment

Applicants should be:

- Current or emerging public works supervisors, managers, or aspiring leaders
- Employed full-time in a public works–related discipline
- Supported by their employer for full participation in the program

APWA membership is not required for student participation in the PWI; however, it is strongly encouraged to enhance networking, resources, and professional development opportunities.

Participants are expected to:

- Attend all four modules in their entirety
- Actively participate in group activities and discussions
- Complete and present a capstone project
- Represent APWA NC and the public works profession in a professional manner

Employer Support Confirmation

By signing below, the applicant confirms that their employer supports full participation in all PWI modules.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date: _____
Supervisor Name & Title: _____
Supervisor Signature: _____ Date: _____

Include additional information about the applicant in this area if needed:

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Applicant Statement

Please briefly describe:

1. Your current role and responsibilities
2. Your leadership goals
3. How participation in the APWA NC Public Works Institute will benefit you, your organization, and the public works profession

(Limit to 500 words or less)

Scholarship Opportunity

APWA-NC is committed to making the Public Works Institute accessible to professionals statewide. A limited number of scholarships may be available to assist with tuition costs.

☐ Please check this box if you would like to be considered for a PWI scholarship.

If checked, please complete the section below. Someone will be in contact to discuss further details about the scholarship opportunity.

Scholarship Statement (filled out by applicant)

(Briefly describe your interest in the Public Works Institute and why scholarship assistance would be beneficial. Limit 250–300 words.)

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Selection Process for PWI Academy

Applications will be reviewed by the APWA-NC PWI Committee, which includes chapter leadership, an APWA Region III Director, a National Past President, and education professionals.

Selection is based on:

- Leadership potential
- Professional experience
- Commitment to the program
- Geographic and organizational diversity

Accepted applicants will be notified via email.

Submission Instructions/Information

Completed applications must be submitted by: **September 16, 2026**

Selected students will be notified by: **September 18, 2026**

Scholarship winners will be notified by: **September 4, 2026**

Course tuition is due by: **September 21, 2026**

Submit To: APWA-NC Chapter Administrator

Email: apwancadmin@ncsu.edu