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SCV Water Announces the ACWA Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach Scholarship for 2025/26 is Now Available

*ACWA’s 2025/26 Scholarship Opportunities Are Now Open
College Students are Encouraged to Apply by March 1*

Established in honor of the late Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach, a past ACWA president, SCV Water vice president, and longtime local, state, and national water leader, the 2025/26 Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach Scholarship opportunity is now available. Interested students may apply for the scholarship through the Association of California Water Agencies (ACWA) website.

This annual scholarship awards \$2,500 to one qualified undergraduate student majoring in engineering, agricultural and/or urban water supply, environmental studies, public administration, or other water-resource-related fields.

“It is an honor to continue Jerry’s legacy by once again offering a scholarship in his name as part of ACWA’s annual scholarship program,” said SCV Water Board President Gary Martin. “This opportunity will provide support to a student ready to take the next step in their career and attract the top young professionals to the water industry.”

Previous recipients include:

- Krishna Pedraza, CSU San Marcos (2024)
- Elizabeth Peña, UC Davis (2023)

About the Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach Scholarship

The Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach Scholarship is awarded through the ACWA Scholarship Program to a full-time undergraduate student attending an accredited University of California or California State University. Scholarship applications are now open through March 1, 2025. For a list of qualifications and eligibility requirements, and a link to the online application system, please visit the Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach Scholarship page:

<https://www.acwa.com/about/scholarships/edward-g-jerry-gladbach-scholarship/>

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About Edward G. “Jerry” Gladbach:

Jerry was first elected to the Castaic Lake Water Agency Board in 1985 and served when CLWA merged with other local water entities to become SCV Water in January 2018. He was vice president at the time of his passing in 2022 and served as president from 1987-1991. One of the many projects he championed was the construction of the Rio Vista Water Treatment Plant, which broke ground in 1991. The plant more than doubled the Agency’s capacity for treating imported water and was renamed in his honor as the E. G. “Jerry” Gladbach Water

Treatment Plant in June 2024. He also played a key role in increasing the imported water supply by 13% through the acquisition of the Devil's Den Water District in Kern County in 1991.

About ACWA's Scholarship Program

ACWA began its scholarship programs in 1961 to motivate committed students to join the effort to ensure California's water quality through sound management policies. The scholarship program is all about investing in future water leaders. Our hope is to cultivate a bright future for students who are dedicated to working for a safe, stable water supply for all Californians. For a list of qualifications and eligibility requirements, and a link to the online application system, please visit ACWA's scholarships page at www.acwa.com/about/scholarships.

About SCV Water

The Santa Clarita Valley Water Agency (SCV Water) is a full-service regional water agency located in the Santa Clarita Valley. SCV Water provides water service to approximately 75,000 business and residential customers. It was formed on January 1, 2018, when local water suppliers combined into one integrated regional water provider. More information can be found at www.yourSCVwater.com

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