

George (Bud) Sinner Scholarship Program

River Watch Scholarship and Water & Natural Resource Scholarship

George (Bud) Sinner (1928-2018) was the International Water Institute's founder and inaugural chairperson. His leadership, vision and commitment to better prepare the next generation of watershed leaders and decision-makers is highlighted in these awards.

The International Water Institute is seeking qualified candidates for the River Watch Scholarship and the Water & Natural Resource Scholarship. Both scholarships are for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The International Water Institute provides watershed research and watershed education throughout the Red River Basin to aid local governments and citizens in better understanding their watershed.

The International Water Institute George (Bud) Sinner Scholarship Program offers two scholarships:

1. River Watch Scholarship
2. Water & Natural Resource Scholarship

Each \$2,000 scholarship is divided into two payments: \$1,000 for the first semester, and \$1,000 for the second semester, contingent on maintaining a 3.0+ GPA during the first semester. Both scholarships are one-time scholarships good for one academic year.

The scholarships will be presented as part of the 30th Annual River Watch Forum on February 26th, 2025.

River Watch Scholarship

Requirements: Applicants must be a senior in high school with plans to attend an accredited college or university during the 2025-26 academic year. Applicants must have spent at least one year in the Red River Basin River Watch Program. All majors are welcome.

Applicants should submit:

1. A letter of application that includes a description of the applicant's involvement in the Red River Basin River Watch Program, a summary of projects and activities that the participant was involved in, and how these activities impacted the participant's motivation to be a leader. The letter should not exceed two pages in length. Preference will be given to those applicants whose involvement in River Watch reflects the vision and leadership of George (Bud) Sinner.
2. A copy of the student's official high school transcript.

Water & Natural Resource Scholarship

Requirements: Applicants must reside within the Red River Basin and be a senior in high school with plans to attend an accredited college or university during the 2025-26 academic year. Applicants must be planning to major in Water Resources, Natural Resources, Environmental Science or another closely related field of study.

Applicants should submit:

1. A letter of application that includes a brief description of the applicant's career goals in the fields of water resources, natural resources, environmental science, or another closely related field of study. The letter should not exceed two pages in length. Preference will be given to those applicants whose career goals and field of study relate closely to the mission of the International Water Institute and reflect the vision and leadership of George (Bud) Sinner.
2. A copy of the student's official high school transcript.

*Qualified applicants can apply for both scholarships.

*All interested applicants are welcome to apply. Preference will be given to those with a high school GPA of 3.0 or higher.

Applications Due Wednesday, February 12th, 2025

In order to be considered for the George (Bud) Sinner Scholarship Program, applications must be received by February 12th, 2025.

Please send all application materials to:

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