

The Pennsylvania Section of the American Water Works Association (PA-AWWA) is pleased to announce an opportunity for students and young professionals (YPs) to participate in the 2026 PA-AWWA Annual Conference and share the results of their work and/or academic programs. This opportunity not only provides presentation experience, but also a chance to learn more about the rapidly evolving drinking water industry through interactions with drinking water industry professionals. Interested individuals should complete and return this form along with an abstract, no longer than one page. Applicants will be selected based on the following criteria:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Originality | <input type="checkbox"/> Significance of Work |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Technical Content | <input type="checkbox"/> Quality of Abstract |

NOTE: Selected posters will be judged based on poster content, appearance and discussions with a panel of judges. The **top 3 places** will share in the distribution of **\$2000 in award money**. Also, the First-Place winner will represent PA-AWWA at the AWWA National Annual Conference and Exhibition held June 21-24, 2025, in Washington, D.C. in conjunction with the National “Fresh Ideas” program. **CONFERENCE REGISTRATION IS FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS PRESENTING A POSTER!!! We must have at least 3 contestants to have the Fresh Ideas Poster contest.**

APPLICATION:

Contact Information

Author’s Name	
Co-Authors’ Names	
Company/University	
Mailing Address	
Phone	
E-mail	

Poster Information

Poster Title	
Poster Abstract	Please attach an abstract, no longer than 1 page

TIMELINE:

March 26, 2026 Completed application and abstract must be received by selection committee.	April 14, 2026 Notification will be issued to those chosen.	May 5, 2026 Chosen posters will be presented at the PA-AWWA Annual Conference.
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Submit completed application and abstract VIA E-MAIL to: Caitlin Cavanagh, Chair of the Young Professional’s Committee at: caitlin.cavanagh@aecom.com

Questions?: Please contact Caitlin Cavanagh at (215-735-0832) or caitlin.cavanagh@aecom.com.