April 17, 2012

Dear Student:

Thank you for your interest in the Air & Waste Management Association’s Midwest Section Graduate Student Scholarship Program.

To ensure adequate human resources and to improve knowledge and skills in the fields of environmental management, the Association provides financial support to qualifying graduate students.

The Midwest Section will be awarding $2,000 in a scholarship for the 2012/2013 academic year.

We look forward to receiving your application. If you have any questions about the program, contact the Air & Waste Management Association’s Midwest Section Graduate Student Scholarship Committee Chair, Mr. Ralph Keller at RMK Consultants, 816-363-1409.

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Thomas E. Murphy Scholarship Trust Fund
The Midwest Section of the Air & Waste Management Association has established a scholarship for graduate students studying in the environmental management field in memory of a long-time member, Thomas E. Murphy.

Mr. Murphy was the Manager of Environmental, Health and Safety Services at Ash Grove Cement Company, headquartered in Overland Park, Kansas. His credentials included:

- Certified in Comprehensive Practice of Industrial Hygiene by American Board of Industrial Hygiene
- B.S. - Chemistry and Biology, Rockhurst College, Kansas City, Missouri
- M.S. - Industrial Hygiene, Central Missouri State University, Warrensburg, Missouri
- Member of the Air & Waste Management Association
- Member of American Chemical Society (ACS) and was an elected counselor of the Kansas City Section
- Member of American Industrial Hygiene Association (AIHA)
- Member of ASTM Committee D34, Waste Management
- Past Chairman of the National Lime Association's Regulatory Compliance Committee
- Member of the Safety and Health Subcommittee of the American Portland Cement Alliance

Mr. Murphy's employer, Ash Grove Cement Company, has made a donation to the scholarship trust fund in his honor.
Eligibility: Individuals must be full or part-time graduate students pursuing a course of study and research at the start of the 2012/2013 academic year leading to careers in environment-related studies specifically involving a discipline in environmental management such as, but not limited to: air pollution control, solid waste management, air emissions, renewable fuel research, and other environmental management or research specifically involving air, water and/or waste. The Scholarship is only a one-year award. To qualify for a second year, individuals must reapply.

Application: Application materials must be postmarked by July 1, 2012 and sent to Mr. Ralph Keller at RMK Consultants. Only complete application packets postmarked on or before the July 1 deadline, including all of the sections described below, will be considered.

Alternatively, the Section 1-7 application materials may be emailed to Mr. Ralph Keller with a time stamp of 11:59 PM (CDT) July 1, 2012 or earlier.

Section 1 Application Cover Sheet
See form enclosed.

Section 2 Plan of Study
Outline plan of study. Indicate choice(s) of institution and major. A suggested program of courses and/or interests is optional.

Section 3 Statement of Professional Goals
Provide a statement of professional goals. Indicate both preferred career after receiving graduate degree and long-term goals.

Section 4 Transcripts
Enclose an original copy of transcripts from baccalaureate and higher degree(s).

Section 5 Certificate of Acceptance by Graduate School

Section 6 Toefl or Melab Scores (optional)
Enclose a copy of these test scores if your first language is not English.

Section 7 Extracurricular Activities
Describe your participation in professional and community activities including: part-time and full-time experience, volunteer community participation, professional society participation, honors and awards received, undergraduate and graduate scholarships, professional registration/certification status.

Section 8 Letter of Recommendation
One letter of recommendation should be completed to support an application. This letter should be completed by a person familiar with the applicant's academic record
and plans for graduate study. Provide the evaluator with a copy of the enclosed Scholarship Recommendation Form. The evaluator should return one set of the Letter of Recommendation and the completed Recommendation Form in sealed envelopes to the applicant. Evaluators should be advised of the application submission deadline of July 1, 2012. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that this letter of recommendation is enclosed with the application at the time of submission to A&WMA. Letters postmarked after the deadline may disqualify an application.

If the applicant chooses, the Letter of Recommendation may be submitted by email. Applicants are responsible for the letter of recommendation to be emailed separately by the reference with a time stamp of 11:59 PM (CDT) July 1, 2012 or earlier to the A&WMA’s Mr. Ralph Keller. Mr. Keller’s email address is: ralpkel@swbell.net.

### Guidelines for Assembling Application Package:

1. Include the Section number and title on the top of the first sheet of each Section. (Do not include a separate title page for each section.)

2. Application packages are limited to a total of 20 pages (not counting Letters of Recommendation and Recommendation Forms.)

3. Application packages can be stapled or held together with a binder clip. Three-ring binders or folders are not acceptable.

### Selection Process:

Awards will be made on the basis of academic record, plan of study, career goals, recommendations, and extracurricular activities without consideration of sex, race, national origin, financial need, age or physical disability. The Graduate Student Scholarship Awards Committee reviews all applications received and its decision is final. (Any attempt to improperly influence members of the Graduate Student Scholarship Awards Committee will automatically result in disqualification.) Announcement of the scholarship awards will be made by July 31, 2012.

### Mailing Instructions:

1. Send one copy of the application package.

2. Attach sealed envelope with the Letter of Recommendation and Recommendation Form.

3. Send the complete set to:
   
   Graduate Student Scholarship Program, A&WMA - Midwest Section  
   c/o Mr. Ralph Keller  
   RMK Consultants  
   6009 Central  
   Kansas City, MO 64113

4. If you would like a written confirmation that your complete package was received, please include a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

APPLICATION MUST BE POSTMARKED BY July 1, 2012
**Emailing Instructions:**

1. Email Sections 1-7 of the application material.
2. Have the Section 8: Letter of recommendation emailed separately by the reference to Mr. Ralph Keller.
3. Email the application material to:
   
   Mr. Ralph Keller
   ralpkel@swbell.net

4. Please ask if you would like an email confirmation that your complete package was received.

**EMAILED APPLICATION MUST ARRIVE WITH A TIME STAMP OF 11:59 PM (CDT) July 1, 2012 OR EARLIER**
Application Cover Sheet

Please Type or Print

**General Information**

Name (last)                      (First)                      (Middle)

Mailing Address

City, State, Postal Code

Citizenship                      Telephone Number                      Best time to be reached

FAX Number                      E-Mail Address

**Educational Background**

Undergraduate Degree(s) and Major

Institution                      Date of Degree

MS Degree (pursuing or completed)

Major Department

Thesis Title (if known or applicable)

Institution                      Date of Degree (if applicable)

PhD Degree Pursuing

Major Department

Thesis Title (if known)

Institution                      Anticipated Completion Date
General Information

Concurrent Funding, Present (if applicable)

Concurrent Funding, Future (if applicable)

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Dear Evaluator:

The individual named on this page is applying for an Air & Waste Management Association (A&WMA) graduate student scholarship and has asked you to evaluate his/her ability to do graduate work, character traits, and potential for professional success.

We request that your letter of recommendation include the length of time you have known the applicant and in what capacity. Your evaluation of the individual and his/her credentials should include but not be limited to: intellectual ability, initiative, oral and written expression, motivation, emotional maturity, dependability, creativity, flexibility, and known professional and community contributions. Discuss any particular strengths and weaknesses that the individual has.

In addition, please fill out the accompanying form. It will provide us with objective guidelines to follow when ranking candidates in different areas. If you are recommending more than one student for this award program, we request that you differentiate and rank your students accordingly. We know that you will appreciate the difficulty of evaluating many excellent applications, and hope that you will provide us with a candid appraisal of this individual.

Your assistance in helping us get better acquainted with the applicant and his/her credentials is greatly appreciated. If you have any questions about the program, please direct them to: Ralph Keller, RMK Consultants, 816-363-1409.

Thank You,

A&WMA Midwest Section Graduate Student Scholarship Awards Committee

Please make a copy of the completed Recommendation Form and your Letter of Recommendation. Return the copy to the applicant in a sealed envelope. The envelope should include the applicant’s name and your return address. Alternatively, your completed recommendation form and Letter of Recommendation may be submitted via email to Mr. Ralph Keller, RMK Consultants, ralpkel@swbell.net.

Please ensure delivery of the recommendation to the applicant so that his/her completed application may be postmarked by July 1, 2012. Letters postmarked after July 1, 2012 may be disqualified. Email submissions should have a time stamp of 11:59 PM (CDT) July 1, 2012 or earlier.
Recommendation Form (Continued)

Applicant Name

Degree Pursuing

Evaluator Name

Company/Institution

Telephone Number  Fax Number  Best Time to Reach

E-Mail Address

Signature  Date

On a scale of 1-10 (1-lowest; 10 highest) please rank this applicant in each of the following categories:

As Degree Candidate  Potential for Success

As Researcher  As Compared to Other Students You Have Taught

Professional Contributions  As Compared to Other Students You Are Evaluating (if applicable)

Additional Comments:

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