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To: Prospective Attendees of the NCAT
Technology Short Course

From: Tom Clayton, SET
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Subject: Asphalt Technology Scholarship



Attached is the announcement and requirements for applying for the Colorado Chapter APWA/Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association Asphalt Technology Scholarships. Recipients of these scholarships will have the opportunity to attend the "Short Course in Asphalt Technology" taught at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. This one-week course will provide a general understanding of all phases of HMA technology. If you or someone else in your organization is interested in applying for the scholarship, please follow the instructions that have been attached and return the letter of interest along with endorsements as instructed. Submittal deadline of the letter of interest for the scholarship is **December 1, 2023.**

The Short Course in Asphalt Technology will be held the week of **February 26 to March 1, 2024. (Tentative)**

Recipients of the scholarships will be notified on or before the 5th of December. Scholarship recipients will be asked to attend a luncheon, if possible, to announce their awards on December 8, 2023 as part of the CAPA all members meeting.

If you are not interested in applying for the scholarship, please pass this announcement along to someone who might be.

Thank you for your interest.


Tom Clayton, SET
Director of Training
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2024 ASPHALT TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

CAPA/Colorado Chapter APWA/National Center for Asphalt Technology

Background: The Colorado Chapter of the American Public Works Association and the Colorado Asphalt Pavement Association (CAPA) established a scholarship program to expand on the asphalt education opportunities persons who are involved in the design, testing quality control, production, management, supervision, or direction of capital and maintenance projects. Funding has been obtained through both organizations to support asphalt pavement related training and educational opportunities for personnel employed by public work agencies in Colorado, contractors and consultants.

Program: The primary training opportunity that is being presented is the "[Short Course in Asphalt Technology](#)" taught at the National Center for Asphalt Technology (NCAT) at Auburn University, Auburn, Alabama. The purpose of this one-week intensive course is to provide a general understanding of all phases of HMA technology. Upon completion, the participant will be able to make knowledgeable decisions related to HMA pavements and communicate effectively with asphalt specialists and contractors when the need arises. The course will be held the week of February 26, 2024.

For more information, contact NCAT at (334) 844-6241 or by visiting their web site at: <http://eng.auburn.edu/research/centers/ncat/education/training/industry/index.html>

To apply: To apply for the APWA/CAPA Asphalt Technology Scholarship, complete the attached letter of interest along with a letter of endorsement/recommendation from an agency official and/or supervisor from your organization as well as concurrence from an industry representative to the address as shown below. Those individuals awarded the scholarship and accepted into the program will then be enrolled in the Short Course by CAPA. For more information, contact Tom Clayton at (303) 741-6150 X 151 (tomclayton@co-asphalt.com)

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Costs: Each attendee is responsible for all travel costs (room, airline, rental car, etc.), although the scholarship funding stipend provided will help to minimize the expenses for individual attendees. Tuition expenses are covered and paid for by CAPA through the APWA/CAPA Scholarship.

Who should apply: City and County Engineers, Pavement Program Managers, Road & Bridge Supervisors, Public Works Directors, Consultants and Contractors. Selections will be made cooperatively by a joint APWA/CAPA Committee and will be based on the letter of interest/recommendation and position applicability. APWA and CAPA membership in good standing is required. The scholarships will typically not be awarded to an agency or company in two consecutive years.

Applications are due no later than December 1, 2023.
Persons selected will be notified on or about December 5th

Comments from previous NCAT Program Attendees

I would like to thank CAPA for the opportunity to further my education at the NCAT Training Center. The knowledge of the instructors teaching there is incredible and the opportunity to tap some of this knowledge is awesome. I only wish I could have a couple more weeks to absorb more knowledge from the instructors. The lessons and training were insightful, and what I've learned will help me to continue keeping Greeley's roads in good condition. I most liked our tour of the test track and the visit to Lee Road to see firsthand so many different paving and rehabilitating procedures. Once again Tom, I would like to thank you and CAPA for giving me the opportunity to continue my education in the asphalt industry at such a prestigious institution. **James Young, City of Greeley**

I cannot thank you and CAPA enough for giving me the opportunity to attend the NCAT Asphalt Technology Course over in Auburn, Alabama. This was an eye opening experience and the topics we covered have already been brought up in conversation and used in decision making situations here at Mesa County. It is amazing that there is this facility here in the United States that is so vastly used by many municipalities to test new theories and determine mixes and practices best suited for their roads.

I have taken the NCAT website and favorited it to my web browser and can reference it in staff meetings and during discussions with folks especially when talking about what technology would hold up best on our roads. This is stuff that we had never known about and always relied on in house experience and learning. Now Mesa County can take a step up and start making decisions based on knowledge we can gather from sources like NCAT and compare them to our own experience and give our community an even better product in the long run.

On a final note, I am so proud to be part of Colorado's Asphalt Pavement Association. It is a very good feeling to sit in that class room with other folks from across the US, Canada and Puerto Rico and know that Colorado cares so much about having knowledgeable people in asphalt that we were a major part of the classroom. Thank you for allowing me to be one of those people, I am proud to be part of the team that has the knowledge to give Colorado's drivers the longest lasting and best roads possible. Forever, I will be encouraging people to apply for CAPA's scholarship or outright pay to attend this course. **Matt Nichols, Project Coordinator, Mesa County**

Thanks for allowing me the opportunity to attend the Asphalt Technology Course at Auburn University. This training was very beneficial to me personally and professionally. I would like to have participated in the course much earlier in my career as it would have assisted me in my knowledge of the industry early on in my career. The NCAT track and the information they obtain from it is remarkable. It is hard to fathom the importance of the information they acquire while performing their testing. It was a very educational and eye-opening experience. Both the classroom time and the fieldwork were very informal, and they provided the information in a way to share it with others within the industry. As a leader, you get asked many questions that you don't always understand the answer to or the reasoning behind asphalt applications. This course provides the information needed to answer these tough questions. I look forward to returning this education to Jefferson County and helping others get involved in this training opportunity. If anyone has any questions, I would be more than happy to discuss this course with them. **William Truesdale, CPM Jefferson County Road and Bridge**

2024 ASPHALT TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM Application/Letter of Interest

CAPA/ Colorado Chapter APWA/NCAT



Applicant:

Organization:

Address:

Address2:

City:

State:

Zip Code:

A letter of interest must be completed and submitted along with this form. The letter from the applicant should list specific reasons they are seeking the scholarship.

The applicant is required to obtain at least one letter of recommendation must be completed by an agency supervisor/official or industry supervisor. It will be in the best interest of the applicant to have more than one letter and have letters from both an agency personnel and a contractor familiar with the applicant.

The letter(s) of recommendation must include the name and title of the person making the recommendation.

Important Dates:

Application Dead line is Friday December 1, 2023

CAPA New Member Luncheon, December 8, 2023

Technology Course Date (TENTATIVE): February 26 to March 1, 2024