



Water Leaders Alumni rave about the program:

- 100% said they better understand water issues.
- 90% said their ongoing relationship with class members has been helpful in their professional lives.
- 86% remain in a water-related profession.
- 86% said they include graduation from the Water Leaders Class on their resumé.
- 100% said they would recommend the Water Leaders Class to a colleague.
- 85% are involved in the Water Leaders Alumni Association.

William R. "Bill" Gianelli served as Assistant Secretary for the Army in charge of the Corps of Engineers from 1981 to 1984 and Director of the California Department of Water Resources from 1967 to 1973 during major construction on the State Water Project. He resides in Monterey, Calif.



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2016 William R. Gianelli Water Leaders Class

The Water Leaders Class is a one-year program that identifies young community leaders from diverse backgrounds, including members of minority and ethnic communities, and educates them about water issues. The program enhances individual leadership skills and prepares participants to take an active, cooperative approach to decision-making about water resource issues. Water Leaders leave the program with a deeper understanding and knowledge of water issues. Leading stakeholders and top policy-makers serve as mentors to class members.

The Water Education Foundation is accepting applications for its 20th Water Leaders Class, which will begin **January 2016**. The application deadline is 5 p.m. **December 7, 2015**. Applicants will be notified of acceptance via email by **December 23, 2015**.

Individuals from private businesses such as engineering and law firms, educational and nonprofit organizations, public agencies and public interest groups are encouraged to apply.

Criteria for Acceptance

- Commitment to understanding water issues;
- Commitment to the community through volunteer activities;
- Potential or existing opportunities for advancement to key leadership roles within their own organizations, and/or
- Interest in seeking leadership roles on public boards and commissions.

Participant Requirements

Designed as a program for young working professionals, participation involves a **time commitment** from both the class member **and** the employer.

Class members are required to:

- Attend a special one-day class orientation on January 28, 2016 at the Foundation's office;
- Attend two Foundation water tours (the Bay-Delta Tour in the summer is mandatory);
- Attend the Foundation's one-day Executive Briefing on March 17, 2016 and participate in the Water Leaders Auction;
- Spend a day "shadowing" a major water leader (from government, urban, agriculture, environmental organizations, private business, or public interest group);
- Interview the water leader about an issue selected for the class;
- Attend special work-group meetings to develop a class PowerPoint presentation and written report about the assigned water topic;
- Attend the Foundation's November 28, 2016 Board meeting in Anaheim to present the PowerPoint.

Scholarship funding is available from the William R. "Bill" Gianelli and Anne Schneider scholarship funds.

2015 Water Leaders Class

- Ian Achimore, Santa Ana Watershed Project Authority
- Samantha Adams, Wildermuth Environmental, Inc.
- Anna Brathwaite, Modesto Irrigation District
- Jennifer Capitolo, Nossaman LLP
- Danielle Dolan, Local Government Commission
- Anna Fedman, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- Katrina Harrison, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Nashelley Sara Kaplan-Dailey, WaterNow
- Jeanie Mascia, State Water Resources Control Board
- Prosenjit Mitra, MBK Engineers
- Ryan Reeves, California Department of Water Resources
- Sara Reid, CoBank
- Sarah Rhodes, San Francisco Public Utilities Commission
- Lucas RossMerz, Sacramento River Preservation Trust
- Calla Schmidt, University of San Francisco
- Heather Shannon, MWH
- Herb Smart, Turlock Irrigation District
- Alexis Stevens, Somach Simmons & Dunn
- Wendy Wang, Best Best & Krieger LLP
- Nancy Warfel, Metropolitan Water District of Southern California
- Steven Wiesner, Kleinfelder

Tuition is \$3,900 for the year-long program, which helps to cover attendance at Foundation events.

Contact Lisa Tran at ltran@watereducation.org for more information

To apply, send completed application package to the Water Education Foundation's office or to ltran@watereducation.org. The package or email must be received no later than 5 p.m on **December 7, 2015**. The package must contain

1. **Completed application form**
2. **One-page statement describing why you are interested in participating in the class**
3. **Resumé**
4. **Letter of support from employer**
5. **Non-refundable application fee of \$50**

Name _____

Affiliation _____

Job title and brief description _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____

Fax (____) _____

E-mail _____

Are you applying for a scholarship? Yes No
If yes, please provide statement of need.



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