

WEF Young Professional Member Midyear Springboard Program

Program Goals:

Provide opportunities for Young Professionals to increase their active involvement in WEF's Committees.

Program Details:

The WEF Students and Young Professionals Committee (SYPC) has developed, organized, and conducted several regular programs that occur at WEFTEC and throughout the year. These programs drive innovation, enrich the expertise of young water professionals, and increase the awareness of the value of water. In addition, the programs provide SYPC members with professional fulfillment, networking opportunities with top technical experts, and the ability to demonstrate leadership.

The WEF YP Midyear Springboard Program was developed to further increase opportunities for SYPC members to become involved in WEF, with particular emphasis on integration of YPs into the WEF technical committees. The 2019 WEF Midyear Meeting will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from February 6th through 9th, 2019 (<http://www.wef.org/midyear/>). The Midyear Meeting primarily provides an opportunity for key volunteer committees to meet face-to-face and develop programming for WEFTEC. The Midyear Meeting offers great opportunities for committee members to conduct working sessions, develop and review programs, develop lasting impacts, and plan for WEFTEC. The committees that meet at the Midyear Meeting may include:

- Municipal Resource Recovery Design Committee
- Manufacturers and Representatives Committee
- Collection Systems Committee
- Industrial Wastewater Committee
- Stormwater & Watershed Management Committee
- Plant Operations & Maintenance Committee
- WEFTEC Program Committee

The WEF YP Midyear Springboard Program will provide travel expense assistance for the selected YPs to attend the Midyear Meeting. Participation in this program is defined in the following section.

Participation:

- Interested YPs should complete the attached application form and submit it to the SYPC Chair by November 19, 2018.
- Applicants will be reviewed by the SYPC Chair, Vice-Chair, and Past-Chair. A recommended list of scholarship recipients will be submitted to the WEF Executive Director.
- Selection of participants will be based on several factors including, but not limited to:
 - Commitment to engage with and participate in the WEF SYPC;
 - Ability to attend WEF committee meetings at WEFTEC 2019;
 - Engagement with other WEF committee programs;
 - Diversity of “newer” and “seasoned” WEF YP members will be selected;
 - Previous participation; and
 - Diversity of industry representation and interests.
- Participants will be asked to attend one or more committee meetings at Midyear, and be encouraged to volunteer to participate in the Committees’ activities, e.g. be a direct point of contact to the SYPC for that committee for future opportunities.
- Participants will submit a brief written report of their involvement, which will be distributed to the SYPC Chair, Vice-Chair, and the WEF Executive Director.

2019 Midyear Meeting Details:

The 2019 Midyear Meetings will be held in Atlanta, Georgia from February 6th through 9th, 2019. The meetings will be held at the Grand Hyatt Buckhead (3300 Peachtree Road NE) in Atlanta, Georgia.

Hotel reservations will be made by and billed directly to WEF; however, expenses for airfare and meals will need to be purchased by the participant, and submitted for reimbursement through a WEF expense report after the meeting. YP participants will be paired together to share rooms, allowing the program to be offered to multiple YP participants. Efforts will be made to cover all expenses to and from the Midyear meeting, however, the budget will be equally allocated amongst all attendees. The benefits of attending the Midyear program will be offered to each YP for a maximum of two years. WEF provides these scholarships for YPs to attend to increase engagement into the Federation, and to support these efforts each participant will be asked to adhere to a code of conduct/ethics during the meeting while representing the SYPC.

There will be a SYPC committee meeting to kick-off the program on Wednesday, February 6th from 4:00-6:00 PM. It is encouraged that Springboard participants attend this meeting to understand the Midyear meeting format and other planned events. We are also looking to provide a networking opportunity at dinner Wednesday night with WEF leaders.

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Name: _____

Contact Information: (e-mail) _____ (phone) _____

Address: _____

Employer: _____

WEF Member Since: _____

SYPC Member Since: _____

Why are you passionate about the Student & Young Professionals Committee (SYPC)? (max 100 words)

What are your vision and goals for contributing to and improving the SYPC? (max 100 words)

Please explain your current and past involvement in WEF Committees and/or your local WEF Member Association: (max 300 words)

Please explain your career areas of interest: (max 100 words)

Please rank (1-3) your top 3 preferred WEF Committees in attendance at Midyear 2019:

- _____ Collection Systems Committee
- _____ Industrial Wastewater Committee
- _____ Manufacturers and Representatives Committee
- _____ Municipal Resource Recovery Design Committee
- _____ Plant Operations and Maintenance Committee
- _____ Stormwater and Watershed Management Committee
- _____ WEFTEC Program Committee

Please verify and complete the following:

- ☐ I verify my ability and commitment to participate in WEF Committee activities, and attend WEFTEC 2019 in Chicago, IL.
- ☐ Estimated transportation costs (USD \$) to Atlanta, GA (to help with final budgeting): USD \$ _____
- ☐ Any other comments:

Budgeting is based upon sharing a room with another Springboard attendee.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Employer: _____ Date: _____

Submit form to WEF SYPC Chair, Alvin Pilobello at apilobello.wef@gmail.com by November 19, 2018, before 5:00pm Central Time. Program participants will be notified by November 30, 2018.