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INTERNATIONAL DESALINATION ASSOCIATION OPENS APPLICATIONS FOR 2008 SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

TOPSFIELD, MA, April 16, 2008 – The International Desalination Association (IDA) has announced that applications are now open for its annual Channabasappa Memorial Scholarship. Each year, IDA awards one scholarship grant of up to 10,000 USD to a graduate student studying engineering or science in order to help them further their education in subjects related to desalination.

To be eligible, applicants must have graduated from an accredited university and must be from the top 10% of their class in science or engineering. The applicant must prove admission to a graduate program in desalination or water re-use and must exhibit leadership and achievement potential.

Applications are considered on the basis of undergraduate transcripts, references and motivation for a career in desalination or water technologies. Four references are required, with at least one from an IDA director or member. The applications are reviewed by the IDA Scholarship Committee, which has at least two IDA members from universities.

Applications must be received by June 1, 2008 and the recipient will be named during the summer. The application form is available on the IDA website at <http://www.idadesal.org/pdf/ScholarshipApplication.pdf>. For further information, applicants can email Patricia Burke, Secretary General of IDA, at paburke@idadesal.org.

The International Desalination Association (www.idadesal.org) is a non-profit association of over 2,000 members in fifty-eight countries. The membership is comprised of scientists, end-users, engineers, consultants and researchers from governments, corporations and academia. IDA is associated with the United Nations as part of a growing international network of nongovernmental organizations (NGOs).

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