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2011/2012 School Year Undergraduate Scholarship Program Application & Instructions

Eligibility Requirements

1. The applicant must be the child / in legal custody of a current employee whose company is a current member of the Railway Supply Institute (RSI) or one of the Coordinated Mechanical Associations (CMA). These include:
 - Railway Supply Institute, Inc (RSI)
 - Air Brake Association, Inc. (ABA)
 - Mechanical Association Railcar Technical Services (MARTS)
 - International Association of Railway Operating Officers (IAROO)
 - Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association (LMOA)
2. The applicant must be currently enrolled as a full time student at an accredited / post-secondary institution leading to an Associates or Bachelor's Degree. The curriculum must be certified by an accepted accreditation board in the U.S.
 - An applicant from Canada or outside the U.S. should be enrolled in a curriculum which has comparable accreditation.
 - The curriculum chosen does not have to be transportation or railroad related.
3. The applicant must expect to achieve at least Sophomore Status (30 + credit hours) in his/her institution by the beginning of the 2011 / 2012 academic year.
 - High school students are not eligible for this scholarship even with college credit hours.
4. Recipients of the 2010 / 2011 RSI Scholarship are not eligible for a scholarship during the 2011 - 2012 school term.

Amount of Award

A minimum of four scholarships in the amount of \$3,000.00 each will be given to scholarship winners. The funds will be prorated over the academic year following the application deadline with subsequent payments at the beginning of each term during the balance of the school year. Distribution of funds will be administered by the RSI Scholarship Coordinator and disbursed to the suitable official of each recipient's institution. The Railway Supply Institute, Inc. reserves the right to not distribute funding for any category in which there are no suitable applicants.

Application Process

To apply for this scholarship, materials listed below must be sent to RSI Scholarship Committee along with this scholarship application. Please mail all items together except for the letters of recommendation which must be sent separately and on company/school letterhead.

Mail materials to G.R.A.S.P. - RSI, ATTN: Ms. Mila Spaulding, PO Box 363, Rockville, VA 23146. Please note FedEx and UPS mailings cannot be sent to PO Box addresses, if you need to overnight a mailing you can overnight with the US Postal Service.

If you have questions about the application process or mailing applications contact Mila Spaulding at mila.spaulding@gmail.com or 800-533-4723 or Amanda Patrick at patrick@railwaysupply.org or 202-347-4664.

A completed application will consist of:

1. A completed 2011/2012 RSI scholarship application form.
2. A professional resume that contains work experience, education information, community service, involvement in organizations, and any other information the applicant feels appropriate.
3. A certified college transcript from the school or schools attended which includes college level work completed through December 31, 2010 plus courses in which currently enrolled to verify the applicant's full time student status.
4. An Essay not exceeding three hundred fifty words. The essay question is listed below.

Our nation's transportation infrastructure faces critical challenges due to increased congestion and user demand. How do you see rail, both freight and intercity passenger rail, as a solution to meeting those challenges?

5. Two letters of recommendation:
 - One must be from a faculty member at the school in which the applicant is currently enrolled.
 - The other must be from an employee of the Railway Supply Institute member company or one of the Coordinated Mechanical Associations other than the applicant's parent /sponsor.

Note: It is the applicant's responsibility to have letters submitted directly to G.R.A.S.P. - RSI, Ms. Mila Spaulding, PO Box 363, Rockville, VA 23146. Do not attach the letters to this application. Letters must be on school and/or company letterhead. Please include due date.

Deadline for Applying for the 2011/2012 School Year

The above material, except Item 5 must be submitted in one envelope and received by Ms. Mila Spaulding of G.R.A.S.P. **no later than Friday, April 1, 2011**. The letters of recommendation must also be received separately by April 1, 2011 in order to have your application considered.

Evaluation and Notification

- Criteria for selection and award of scholarships will be based on the following: Academic Achievement (40%) / Citizenship & Character (40%) / Essay (20%)
- The RSI Scholarship Committee, in conjunction with the Greater Aspirations Scholarship Program (G.R.A.S.P.), will base its award on the materials submitted and a telephone interview if required. Scholarship recipients will be informed by June 1, 2011 if at all possible, with distribution of funds to begin at the start of the fall 2011 term.



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1. Check the appropriate box to indicate your parent / guardian affiliation.
(Please make sure they are current in their membership.)

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- The Air Brake Association, Inc. (ABA)
- Mechanical Association Railcar Technical Services (MARTS)
- The International Association of Railway Operating Officers (IAROO)
- Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association (LMOA)

2. Parent/ Legal Guardian Information

Full Name:	
Company Name (Must be associated with RSI or CMA):	
Company Address:	
Phone: Work	Home
Work Email Address:	
Place of Birth:	Date of Birth:

3. Applicant Information

Applicants Name:	
Present Address:	
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	

4. Academic Information

Name the educational institution at which you wish to pursue your scholarship or award:				
City:			State:	
Toward what degree will you be working, and when do you expect to receive it?				
List any other colleges, university, vocational school, etc. attended, including one in which you are currently enrolled. Arrange in sequence, listing your current institution first.				
College/University & State in which located	Dates of Attendance	Degree	Date Awarded or Expected	Grade Point Average

I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate. I further certify that if, for any reason subsequent to receiving the RSI scholarship, I elect to substantially alter my proposed study plan, I will immediately inform the Railway Supply Institute.

Signature of Applicant Date

Signature of Parent/ Guardian with RSI or CMA Affiliation Date

Your complete application, transcripts of scholastic records, resume, essay, and letters of recommendation must be received by the G.R.A.S.P. - RSI, Ms. Mila Spaulding, PO Box 363, Rockville, VA 23146 by April 1, 2011.

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