ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2019 NRC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The National Railroad Construction & Maintenance Association (NRC) is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships for tuition assistance to children or grandchildren of employees of NRC member companies.

ABOUT THE NRC

The NRC is the only trade association organized specifically to serve the needs of railroad contractors, suppliers, and the entire railroad and rail transit construction industry. NRC's primary objective is to advance the mutual interests of its members and the railroad and rail transit construction industry. The NRC works hard to expand rail construction and maintenance business opportunities, protect rail contractors from intrusive government regulation, and improve railroad construction safety and operations.

AMOUNT OF AWARDS

This year, six scholarships will be awarded as follows: the first place applicant will receive $12,000, two second place applicants will receive $6,000 each, and three third place applicants will receive $3,000 each.

Scholarship funds, awarded annually, will be sent directly to the student at the beginning of the next term of study. Students must be in attendance for a full year following receipt of the award.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

• be a son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a current employee of an NRC member company; and

• be enrolled at the time of application as a full-time college student at an accredited two-year college offering an associate’s degree or an accredited four-year college or university offering a bachelor’s degree, or as a recently graduated high school senior that is enrolled to start college this fall.

RENEWAL OF NRC SCHOLARSHIP

Previous winners of the NRC scholarships are eligible to be considered for renewal of their scholarship assistance each year. They must submit the following: a new application form, narrative statement, a letter of sponsorship from a NRC member company, an updated transcript including courses taken and grades received since their initial application, and a response to the essay listed under item 4 on the following page.

APPLICATION DEADLINE — [August 30, 2019]

A complete application and all accompanying materials must be sent in one PDF document via email no later than August 30, 2019 for consideration for the following academic term. The absence of any of the materials listed below will render the application incomplete. Any incomplete applications will not be graded.
THE APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for this scholarship, all materials listed below must be sent to the NRC Scholarship Committee. *It is important to include to the best of your ability all materials in one PDF document. If one of the requested materials is missing, your application will not be graded.*

1. A completed Application for Scholarship Program

2. A letter written on official NRC member company stationery confirming sponsorship as requested in Section A of the application and stating the relationship of the member company employee to you (e.g., father, mother, or grandparent)

3. An official transcript from all schools attended, including high school and each college attended indicating all college-level work completed through the spring semester of the year the application is made. The transcript(s) should list courses taken or in which currently enrolled. Previous scholarship winners and applicants entering their junior and senior year in college are not required to provide high school transcripts.

4. An essay, 500 words or less, addressing the following:

*With the majority of Class 1 railroads announcing a shift in their operating strategy towards Precision Scheduled Railroading, how will a PSR strategy focused on Operating Ratio’s impact the rail vendors and contractors with regards to core businesses such as rail services, new construction and maintenance practices?*

Please compile the completed application with all required materials and send directly via electronic mail to: Scholarship@nrcma.org with “2019 NRC Scholarship” in the subject line. ALL MATERIALS MUST BE COMPILED IN ONE PDF AND EMAILED NO LATER THAN AUGUST 30, 2019.

EVALUATION AND NOTIFICATION

The Scholarship Committee will base its evaluation for awards on the materials submitted. All applicants will be informed of awards on October 15, 2019.
APPLICATION FOR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
Please type or print the following information. Attach an additional sheet if you need more space.

A. BACKGROUND

Name ____________________________

Last ____________________________ First ____________________________ Middle ____________________________

Home Address ____________________________

Street ____________________________ City ____________________________ State ____________________________ Zip Code ____________________________

Telephone Number (_______) ____________________________ Email address ____________________________

Date of Birth ____________________________ Place of Birth ____________________________

Name of sponsoring NRC Member Company ____________________________

Name of NRC member company employee or owner related to you ____________________________

Relationship to you, e.g. father, mother, grandparent. ____________________________

A letter from a company officer on official company letterhead confirming sponsorship and your relationship to company personnel must be included in application.

Are you a past recipient of an NRC scholarship?  Yes □  No □

What sources of income, including scholarships, will you have while attending college in the fall? ____________________________

B. EDUCATION

(Please make sure to have your total GPA listed. If your GPA is not filled out in a numerical GPA form, then your application will be considered incomplete.)

High school ____________________________

Name ____________________________ Location ____________________________ Dates of Attendance ____________________________

Number of year’s completed: ________ Diploma or equivalent received?  Yes □  No □

List your total numerical GPA: ________

Present college or university:

Name ____________________________ Location ____________________________ Dates of Attendance ____________________________

Number of years of college completed as of application: ____________________________

Major Course of Study: ____________________________

List your total (to date) numerical GPA: ________

Other colleges or universities attended:

Name ____________________________ Location ____________________________ Dates of Attendance ____________________________

Number of years completed: ____________________________

Major Course of Study: ____________________________

GPA: ____________________________
List any other schools attended, e.g., vocational or industrial schools, etc., including dates of attendance and subjects completed.

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C. WORK EXPERIENCE (most recent first)

Employer's Name

Address

Period of employment: From to

Title of position & description of duties

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D. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND HONORS

List professional societies, civic organizations, important committees or other significant organizations or activities in which you participate.

List honors or special awards in recognition of your professional or community activities.

E. ANTICIPATED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAM

Please prepare a narrative, not exceeding 1,500 words, on a separate double-spaced typewritten sheet with your name at the top. In your narrative include the following:

1. A brief description of your present and future study program.
2. Any research projects or school activities in which you are now or have been involved.
3. Post-graduate plans.
4. Why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship.
5. Any other pertinent information you feel important to your application.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE CORRECT AND, IF SELECTED, I AGREE TO UTILIZE THE MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE STATED.

Signature of Applicant ___________________________ Date _______________
NRC Scholarship Committee
Applicant Rubric

This rubric is a guide intended to help the applicant present and submit a complete and successful application.

General Suggestions:
1. Read the provided Evaluation Guidelines carefully and use this as a checklist of the required documents needed.
2. Clearly fill out the application form. Print or type is best as some script handwriting is difficult to read when copied.
3. Take the necessary time to proof read and specifically articulate all the information you provide.
   Make sure to check for grammar, spelling and punctuation.
4. Before sending in the completed application, make sure ALL required information is included.
   *Any application deemed incomplete will NOT be graded or considered eligible for an award.*

Grades:
1. Ensure the correct transcript of your grades is included and is in a 4.0 Scale

Additional Activities/Work:
1. Clearly define the activities, sports, clubs, jobs, etc., you participated in this year.
2. Describe, in your personal narrative, the impact, if any, these activities have on your time.
3. Describe how you manage your time.

Personal Narrative:
1. This is the opportunity to let the judges get to know YOU.
2. Describe yourself, family, life, aspirations, hopes, dreams, etc., and let us know why you deserve this scholarship.

Essay:
1. Take the time and effort to read and understand the question.
2. Do some actual research on the topic and include examples or facts if necessary.
   Make sure your answer reflects the NRC Membership, the railroad contracting industry