Louis “Lumber Lou” Chicquette Memorial Scholarship

Background:

The Louis Larkin Chicquette Memorial Scholarship honors the remarkable career and lifelong dedication of Louis Larkin Chicquette to the lumber industry. Born on March 20, 1924, Lou founded the Esdaile Box and Lumber Company in 1945, a business that included a sawmill and small factory. His deep knowledge, integrity, and gregarious nature made him a respected figure in the lumber industry for 79 years.

Lou's passion for his work was unwavering. Even after selling his business to Webster Lumber Company, where he served as Vice President of Sales, he continued to contribute to the industry. He worked with Industrial Hardwood Products, later known as Rockland Flooring, and remained a contract employee with Quality One Woodwork until his passing on August 7, 2024. Lou was also a founding member of the Lake States Lumber Association, further exemplifying his commitment to the industry.

The scholarship aims to support students who share Lou's enthusiasm and commitment to the forest products industry, encouraging them to pursue their careers with the same fervor and dedication that Lou demonstrated throughout his life. The scholarship may be awarded to a junior or senior enrolled in a four-year institution or a second-year student enrolled in a two-year institution. Applicants must be enrolled in an accredited Forestry/Wood Products program for the full school year, not graduating mid – term.

Eligibility:

Any student pursuing a post-secondary degree in the Wood and Forest Products Industry may be awarded up to a $5,000 scholarship. Scholarship award selection will be based upon the following criteria:

- Career Objectives
- Scholastic Achievement
- Leadership Qualities
- Industry and Community Service

Applicant must:

1. Have held at least one job/internship in a wood related business.
2. Provide three references, one of which must be from an LSLA company representative.

Submissions:

Applications sent through the mail are to be postmarked by Monday November 30th, 2026, and sent to:

Lake States Lumber Association
Attn: Louis Chicquette Memorial Scholarship
337 Superior Avenue
Crystal Falls, MI 49920 US

Applications can also be sent by email to lsla@lsla.com but must be received by 5:00PM CST on November 30th, 2026.

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Application

Applicant name: _____ Date: _____

Mailing address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ Email address: _____

School/Program attending: _____ Anticipated graduation date: _____

Please describe your career objectives:

Please describe any leadership and extracurricular activities:

Please list any other volunteer or community service activities:

Please provide current transcript/scholastic achievement information:

Please describe any past or current work experience that relates to wood-related business:

Three References:

LSLA company representative _____

Second reference _____

Third reference_____

What does this scholarship mean to you? _____

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Why are you interested in the forest products Industry? _____

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*Any financial need? Please describe*_____

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