ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2021 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, **three** total scholarships will be awarded as follows: the first place applicant will receive $12,000, the second place applicant will receive $6,000, and the third place applicant will receive $3,000. 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 a recent high school graduate enrolling at one of the institutions mentioned above.

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 — [September 30, 2021]

A complete application and all accompanying materials must be **sent in one PDF document via email no later than September 30, 2021** 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. There are several methods to combine files into one PDF, including apps and websites. 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 "sustainability" becoming an ever-increasing focus throughout North America, review how the rail industry – from railroads to contractors – ensures it is taking the correct steps to meet these requirements?

Please compile the completed application with all required materials and send directly via electronic mail to: mmcgonagle@nrcma.org with "2021 NRC Scholarship" in the subject line. **ALL MATERIALS MUST BE COMPILED IN ONE PDF AND EMAILED NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 30, 2021.**

EVALUATION AND NOTIFICATION

The Scholarship Committee will base its evaluation for awards on the materials submitted. All applicants will be informed of awards by December 1, 2021.

APPLICATION FOR NRC 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?

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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.

Name	Location	Dates of Attendance
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C. WORK EXPERIENCE (most recent first)

Employer's Name_____ Phone No. _____
Address_____
Period of employment: From_____ to _____
Title of position & description of duties _____

Employer's Name_____ Phone No. _____
Address_____
Period of employment: From_____ to _____
Title of position & description of duties _____

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 **1,000** 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**_____