

Eligibility Requirements

NOTE: Current high school students ARE NOT eligible to apply. This includes those that will graduate in 2018.

1. The parent of the applicant must be currently employed by an entity that is a current member of the [Railway Supply Institute](#) (RSI) or the [Coordinated Mechanical Associations](#) (CMA). These include:
 - Railway Supply Institute (RSI)
 - Air Brake Association (ABA)
 - International Association of Railway Operating Officers (IAROO)
 - League of Railway Industry Women (LRIW)
 - Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association (LMOA)
 - Mechanical Association Railcar Technical Services (MARTS)

2. The applicant must be a child of a current employee and:
 - must be the employee's biological / step-child OR in legal custody of the employee (as deemed by a court),
 - must be attending the accredited institution on a full-time basis in a program of study that will lead to an Associates or Bachelors Degree (applicants from outside the U.S. should be enrolled in a curriculum which has comparable accreditation)
 - must be attending an accredited institution (one eligible to receive federal funds) for the fall 2018 semester (funds cannot be deferred to another academic year),
 - must expect to achieve at least Sophomore Status (30+ credit hours) by the start of the fall 2018 term
 - must be under the age of 24 as of 1/1/2018,
 - must NOT be a currently enrolled in high school,
 - must NOT be a recipient of the previous year's RSI scholarship.

Amount of Award

A minimum of five scholarships up to an amount of \$5,000 each will be given to scholarship recipients. Depending on the number of scholarship donations, additional scholarships may be given at lesser amounts. 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 Spaulding Admin Services 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.

International Applicants: Students applying from outside of the United States *and* attending an accredited university outside of the U.S. will be judged along with other international applicants for one scholarship. (*Note: Parent company must be willing to facilitate payment to international institution if deemed necessary by RSI.*)

Application Process

To apply for the RSI Scholarship, materials listed below must be sent to the RSI Scholarship Coordinator along with the scholarship application. Mail materials to: Mila Spaulding, Spaulding Admin Services, Attn: RSI Scholarship, 18563 Willoughby Heights Lane, Rockville, VA 23146.

A completed application will consist of:

1. A completed 2018/2019 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, 2017 plus courses in which currently enrolled to verify the applicant's full-time student status (at least 12 hours per semester). Transcripts printed from a website are not admissible.
4. An essay not exceeding three hundred fifty words. The essay questions are listed below. **Note:** Applicants may respond to the essay question in their native language if they are not comfortable with English.
 - **For United States Applicants:** *According to the United States Census Bureau, during the 2016 U.S. presidential election voter turnout for Americans from ages 18 to 29 was 46.1%, much lower than other age brackets ([source](#)). What steps can be taken to improve voter participation for young people in local, state and federal elections? How would you explain a policy perspective that is important to you to a potential voter?*
 - **For Non-United States Applicants:** *Describe why you have chosen your area of study and your future career and service goals.*
5. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the school in which the applicant is currently enrolled or an employee of a Railway Supply Institute member company or one of the Coordinated Mechanical Associations other than the applicant's parent/guardian. The letter must be written on company/school letterhead.

Scholarship Application Deadline – June 8, 2018

All materials must be submitted to AND received by Spaulding Admin Services no later than June 8, 2018.

Spaulding Admin Services
Attn: RSI Scholarship
18563 Willoughby Heights Lane
Rockville, VA 23146

Evaluation and Notification

- Criteria for selection and award of scholarships will be based on the following:
Academic Achievement (50%) / Essay (30%) / Citizenship & Letter of Recommendation (20%)
- The RSI Scholarship Committee, in conjunction with Spaulding Admin Services, will base its award on the materials submitted and a telephone interview if needed. Scholarship recipients will be informed no later than July 2018 with distribution of funds to begin at the start of the fall 2018 term. The 2018/2019 scholarship monies cannot be deferred to another academic year.

If you have questions about the application process or mailing applications contact Mila Spaulding at mila.spaulding@gmail.com or 804-749-8149 or Amanda Patrick at patrick@rsiweb.org or 202-347-4664.

**Railway Supply Institute Scholarship
 Thomas D. Simpson Annual Undergraduate Scholarship
 Fall 2018 / Spring 2019 Application**



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

- Railway Supply Institute, Inc (RSI)
- Air Brake Association, Inc. (ABA)
- Mechanical Association Railcar Technical Services (MARTS)
- International Association of Railway Operating Officers (IAROO)
- League of Railway Industry Women (LRIW)
- Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association (LMOA)

Company Name you are applying under (Must be RSI or CMA member):

2. Applicant Information

Applicants Full Name:	
Permanent Address:	
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	

3. Parent/ Legal Guardian Information

Full Name:	
Employer's Name:	
Company Address:	
Phone: Work	Home
Work Email Address:	
Relationship to applicant: <input type="checkbox"/> biological child <input type="checkbox"/> step-child <input type="checkbox"/> legal-guardian	

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. You may attach a second page if necessary.				
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. In addition, if after receiving the Railway Supply Institute scholarship I elect to substantially alter my proposed study plan I will immediately inform RSI of these changes.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Your complete application, transcripts of scholastic records, resume, essay, and letters of recommendation must be received by Spaulding Admin Services, 18563 Willoughby Heights Lane, Rockville, VA 23146 by June 8, 2018.

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You can also visit our website at <http://www.rsiweb.org/scholarship>.