

**Railway Supply Institute
2010/2011 School Year
Undergraduate Scholarship Program
Application and Instructions**



Eligibility

- The applicant must be the son or daughter of a current employee whose company is a current member of the Railway Supply Institute 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)
- 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.
- The applicant must expect to achieve at least Sophomore Status in his/her institution by the beginning of the 2010 / 2011 academic year.

Note: Anyone that was a recipient of the RSI 2009 / 2010 scholarship will not be considered for a scholarship during the 2010 - 2011 school year.

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. RSI 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 the scholarship application. Mail materials to G.R.A.S.P. - RSI, ATTN: Ms. Mila Spaulding, PO Box 363, Rockville, VA 23146.

- A. A professional resume that contains work experience, education information, community service, involvement in organizations, and any other information the applicant feels appropriate.
- B. A certified college transcript from the school or schools attended which includes college level work completed through December 31, 2009 plus courses in which currently enrolled to verify the applicant's full time student status.
- C. 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 other than your related sponsor. If you are applying under one of the Mechanical Associations, the letter must be from another member of that Association other than your related sponsor.
 - It is the applicant's responsibility to have letters submitted direct 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.
- D. An Essay not exceeding three hundred fifty words. The essay question is listed below.

Earlier this year, President Obama called for the creation of a national high-speed rail network by allocating \$8 billion from the economic stimulus package and requesting \$5 billion more from Congress through 2014, which would be used as seed money for improved rail service. The idea is not to lay track coast to coast, but to focus on heavily populated corridors where short distances between cities let fast trains compete effectively with cars and planes. What are the challenges that America faces in developing high speed rail?

- E. Application form must be completed and included with the above information except for the letters of recommendation which must be sent to use directly and not attached to this form.

Deadline for Applying for the 2010/2011 School Year

The above material, except 'C' must be submitted in one envelope and received by Ms. Mila Spaulding of G.R.A.S.P. **no later than April 2, 2010**. The letters of recommendation must also be received by April 2, 2010 in order to have your application considered.

Evaluation and Notification

A Scholarship Committee appointed by the RSI Board of Directors, 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. The successful applicants will be informed on or before May 21, 2010 if at all possible, with distribution of funds to begin at the start of the fall term.

Criteria for selection and award of scholarships will be based on the following:
Academic Achievement (40%) / Citizenship & Character (40%) / Essay (20%)

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1. Please check the appropriate box to indicate your affiliation:

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- The International Association of Railway Operating Officers (IAROO)
- Locomotive Maintenance Officers Association (LMOA)

2. Please indicate your relationship with your affiliation:

RSI Member or Mechanical Association Company Name:

Name of Employee You Have a Relationship With

Employee Email Address

Employee Home Phone / Work Phone

Employee Relationship to Applicant

3. Applicant Information:

Full Name

Address

City, State, Zip Code, Country

Email Address

Home Phone Number

Date of Birth

4. Current University or College Education

Name of College or University

Address

City, State, Zip Code, Country

Major / Course Study

Current GPA

Semesters Attended

List any other schools attended such as vocational schools, industrial school, technical schools, etc. Note when attended and subjects pursued.

5. Anticipated College or Univeristy Area of Study: (If Different)

Name of College or University

Address

City, State, Zip Code, Country

Major / Course Study

I hereby certify that all statements contained herein are correct.

Signature of Applicant

Printed Name

Date