



2011-2012 UCA Scholarship Award Program

Objective:

To provide financial support for UCA members, their employees, extended family members, member sponsored candidates, and others in pursuit of higher education and training related to the underground construction industry.

Eligibility:

Each Candidate must be:

1. A United States citizen
2. Anticipated enrollment or participating in an accredited trade school, college, or university.
3. In pursuit of higher education or training, both being related to the underground construction industry.

Entry Requirements:

The following information is required from each applicant:

1. A completed UCA application form, either neatly hand printed, typed, or completed from the web version.
2. Two personal reference letters. These should be from adults not related to the applicant. If possible, one of these two letters should be from a UCA member-affiliated company.
3. Associate, Bachelor, & Graduate degree applicants must also submit current transcripts, ACT or SAT test results (for high school seniors).

Awards:

1. UCA will award three (3) scholarships of up to \$2,000 each annually.
2. Although the intent of each scholarship award is to recognize an outstanding candidate, should two or more applicants rank equally, the Scholarship Committee shall consider the level of financial need as the final criteria.
3. UCA will send the scholarship directly to the bursar of the trade school, college, or university for disbursement where the scholarship recipient will attend.
4. For purposes of allocation, the scholarship funds are to be used with the following priorities: 1) tuition and fees; 2) book, tool, and appurtenance purchases; 3) other academic related expenses.
5. All scholarship awards will be formally announced at UCA's Annual Membership Dinner and Trade Show in the spring of 2011.

Judging:

1. UCA has the sole authority for granting the scholarship.
2. All applicants selected as finalists may be subject to a personal interview with committee representatives. Only winners will be notified.
3. This is an annual scholarship; reapplication will be accepted.
4. Selection Task Force procedures and guidelines and the committee's procedures are available upon request in UCA's offices.

Deadline:

Each completed UCA application and all required data must be post marked by **February 11, 2011**, and sent to:
UCA Scholarship Committee, 500 Park Blvd, Suite 154C, Itasca, IL 60143

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