

MINNESOTA LABORERS EMPLOYERS COOPERATION & EDUCATION TRUST



Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Program

2014 / 2015 RULES & APPLICATION FORM

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Minnesota Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET) is a Labor-Management Cooperation organization that was founded in 1992 to promote Union Construction and opportunities for training & advancement within the construction industry. LECET is proudly providing a limited number of academic construction educational scholarship awards for eligible candidates working toward a career in the construction industry.

To Qualify: All candidates must be either a <u>current Minnesota Laborers Union member</u>, or <u>their immediate family member</u>, or any current Signatory Contractor Employer employee <u>staff member or their immediate family member</u>. <u>Interns working for the Union Contractor employer are also eligible</u>. Candidates must be students currently enrolled in their 2nd year or greater at a higher education academic institution with a declared major in a construction industry related program.

<u>Deadline for Application</u>: Applications must be received by July 15, 2014.

Academic Year: 2014 / 2015.

Application for Academic Scholarship:

- ✓ Scholarships have a maximum value of \$1,000 each.
- ✓ Applicants must be in their second year or more at an approved institution and program, with a declared major in a construction industry related program.

To apply candidates must fill out and return BOTH of the following:

- 1. Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Application (See page 3, enclosed)
- 2. A cover letter communicating the candidate's interest in receiving financial assistance. In the cover letter, the candidate should address the following:
 - a. Proof of enrollment and copy of their most current institution transcript.
 - b. Future enrollment and upcoming intended coursework.
 - c. The candidate's ultimate career goals and how this financial assistance will help him/her toward achieving the goals and future success in the industry.
 - d. Brief work experience history, especially if pertaining to the construction industry over the previous 3 years.
 - e. Involvement in student or volunteer organizations.
 - f. Honors or awards received.

^{*}There are a limited number of Academic Scholarship Awards available each year. All candidates are recommended to communicate effectively as they may be in competition with other candidates for the award.

Academic Scholarship Program Advertisement:

- Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Program information will be made available and posted at a number of higher education academic institutions in Minnesota that feature construction industry related programs in their curriculum. Eligible programs may include construction management, design & architecture and construction related engineering programs.
- 2) Academic Scholarship Program information will also be available at all Minnesota Laborers Local Union Halls, Laborers Training Center, Laborers District Council and Minnesota LECET offices.
- Academic Scholarship Program advertisement will be included in the March, 2014 Minnesota LECET Newsletter.
- 4) Academic Scholarship Program information will be included on the Minnesota LECET website. The website URL is www.mnlecet.org.
- 5) Minnesota LECET will also promote the program through Signatory Union contractors, Labor Management & industry associations like the Associated General Contractors of MN and others.

Academic Scholarship Program Award Process and Rules:

- 1) All Applications are due on July 15, 2014.
- 2) Minnesota LECET will notify winning candidates and academic institutions and post information on the official program website on or before August 30, 2014.
- 3) Distribution of academic scholarship awards are as follows:
 - a. Minnesota LECET will verify award winning candidate's eligibility, current academic enrollment, future coursework and transcripts.
 - b. Scholarship funding will be coordinated with each award winner's academic institution. The financial assistance will be sent directly to the institution with intention of being made available to the award winner at tuition payment time.
 - c. Scholarship funding distribution must be completed within 1 year of award letter.
- 4) All winners must meet eligibility requirements through either their affiliation with the Minnesota Laborers Union and / or a Signatory Union Contractor Employer of the Minnesota Laborers Union. All members and/or contractors must be in good standing with their Laborers Local Union and/ or the Minnesota Laborers Union.
- 5) Candidates must have a current Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or above to be eligible for this scholarship program award.
- 6) Previous award winners may apply more than once, knowing that awards are subject to availability of funds, the number of other first-time candidate applications received and at the discretion of the Minnesota LECET Board of Trustees.
- 7) The Minnesota LECET Board of Trustees reserves the right to change, alter or discontinue the Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Program at any time and under any circumstance.
- 8) LECET reserves the right to publicize information including photographs of winning candidates for purposes of promoting and advertising the program in LECET Newsletters, general newspaper press releases, on the LECET website and more.
- 9) Winning candidates will be invited to various Open Houses sponsored by Minnesota LECET at the Laborers Training Center and are encouraged to attend.
- 10) All decisions made by the Minnesota LECET Board of Trustees are final.

Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Candidate Application:

Name:	
First M.I.	Last
Address:	
Telephone:Email Addres	s:
Current Academic Institution:	Year:
Major:G.P.A	.: Graduation Date:
School Program Advisor Contact:	
	PH:
Reference 1:	PH:
Reference 2:	PH:
Contractor Employer Name (if applicable):	PH:
Contractor Employer Reference:	PH:
ELIGIBILITY:	
Are you a current Laborers Union member or immediate family member (circle one) of a Laborers Union member? Yes / No Laborers Local: If you are an immediate family member, list the name and relationship to this Laborers Union member:	
Are you an employee staff member, intern or imn member with a current Signatory Contractor of the If applicable, list job title:	e MN Laborers Union? Yes / No
By signing here, I verify all information to be true a Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship program.	nd accurate regarding my application for the
XSignature Required	Date:

Mail Completed Application Packet Postmarked & Received by July 15, 2014, to:

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