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To: ECA Members

From: Rachele Rinker-Koch

Reference: ECA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

We are pleased to announce the 2025 ECA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM is available to all children or legal dependents of ECA members. Scholarships are available up to \$1,000 annually for 4 years. The 2025 scholarship application is also available on the ECA website @ www.ecasf.org.

Eligibility requirements are:

- Applicant must be a child or legal dependent of an employee of an ECA member firm.
- Applicant must be graduating from a Florida high school in 2025.
- Applicant must be a Florida resident.
- Applicant must maintain a 2.5 grade point average from an accredited college or university.

Completed applications must be emailed to the ECA no later than **APRIL 18, 2025** at eca@ecasf.org. Applicants of completed applications will be notified by **JUNE 18, 2025**.

ECA Scholarship Program Committee

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ECA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Dear Applicant:

Attached is an application form to apply for an Engineering Contractors Association of South Florida (ECA) Scholarship. The ECA scholarships are available to any Florida resident that is a graduating high school senior whose parent, parents, or legal guardian is a member or is employed by a firm who is a member of the Engineering Contractors Association of South Florida, Inc.

Scholarships are granted up to the amount of \$1,000 annually for a period of four (4) years so long as the applicant maintains a 2.5 grade point average. **Verification of a 2.5 grade point average is required ANNUALLY from the school; immediately following year end posting of grades;** it is the recipient's responsibility to forward verification via email or U.S. Mail to the ECA office. Transcripts received after July 31st each year will potentially result in the student losing the balance of scholarship.

Curriculum requirements are only that you attend an accredited college or university. There are no geographic limitations on your choice of school, but you must be a Florida resident to apply. Scholarship applications will be evaluated on the following criteria:

1. *ACT or SAT scores; official print out from website or valid source.*
2. *School transcript.*
3. *Two or more letters of recommendation, and*
4. *Your 750 words or less typed essay on the following topic:*
 - Our attitude is reflected in the things we say and do, and those affect others. What kind of events have influenced your attitude on life? Describe an event that shaped your attitude on life.

Please complete the 4-page application and email the application and items listed below in the **following order**: **Neatness and completion of submitting the documents in the correct order is important criteria of your application. **

- a) Your 750-word essay, and
- b) At least, **two letters** of recommendation from someone other than a family member.
- c) High school transcripts
- d) SAT and/or ACT scores

Please email the complete package to the ECA at eca@ecasf.org. An email will be sent back confirming confirmation of your application. Your application package must be received no later than **APRIL 18, 2025** for consideration. Incomplete applications or those received after application deadline will not be considered.

Contact Rachele Rinker-Koch at the ECA office with any questions concerning the application or the review process at (954) 236-0737.

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Scholarship Application

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Applicant # _____ (Office use only)

The applicant must complete this form. Sign this sheet and have a parent or guardian approve the application. Answer all questions. If a question does not apply, write "none" in the space provided.

NAME OF APPLICANT (Print) _____

First

Last

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

NAME OF SECODARY OR HIGH SCHOOL: _____

YEAR OF GRADUATION: _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

ECA MEMBER COMPANY where parent works: _____

Mother's Full Name: _____

Father's Full Name: _____

Which parent or legal guardian is an employee of the ECA member company? _____

After the application is received and acknowledged, this sheet will be placed in a sealed envelope and not opened until after the selection has been made. The Scholarship Committee will not have knowledge of this information during the selection process. Applications not selected will be destroyed.

I certify the information herein is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature of Applicant

Date

I approve the submission of this application.

Signature of parent or guardian

Signature of school counselor

Contact cell number

Contact email address

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Applicant # _____ (Office use only)

I. General Information

Name and address of high school: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

Ask your Guidance Counselor to **provide a copy of your official transcript to submit with application. This is a requirement in applying. Be certain the Guidance Counselor signs the transcript.**

Name and address of the school you intend to enroll in for the next academic year:

Have you been accepted? _____

How long is the course of study? _____

When do you expect to finish? _____

Briefly describe the course of study: _____

What are your plans for the summer? _____

What are your career plans? _____



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II. Academic and Extra Curricular Information

What course of study have you followed in high school (e.g., college preparatory, business, industrial, etc.): _____

Class standing _____ of _____

Required in application is a copy of your most current transcript of grades and any ACT or SAT scores.

List honors, awards, prizes or distinctions received: _____

In what school activities have you participated? List any offices you held.

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Describe any other group activities in the community in which you have participated and list any offices held in organizations.

List and describe your hobbies and outside interests: _____

What work experience have you had? _____

III. Submit an essay of 500-750 words or less on the following topic:

- Our attitude is reflected in the things we say and do, and those affect others. What kind of events have influenced your attitude on life? Describe an event that shaped your attitude on life.

IV. Should you be selected to receive the ECA Scholarship, we would like you to provide a photo with your parent(s) or legal guardian **for** our association communications and publications. Your signature below will indicate you agree and will provide.

Signature of applicant

Please email completed application to:
Scholarship Committee - eca@ecasf.org

ECA Contact information: Rachele Rinker-Koch
Office: 954.236.0737 / Cell: 305-978-9468

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Rachele Rinker-Koch

eca@ecarf.org

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Scan documents 1-5 below into (1) pdf in the listed order prior to emailing.

Please note in your email if you have pending application documents being sent direct to the ECA from your school, otherwise your application will be considered incomplete.

1. Completed signed application: Pages 1-4
2. 750 – 500 word essay
3. Two letters of recommendation
4. Official transcripts - open to scan
5. SAT and/or ACT scores

Email: eca@ecarf.org. An email response will be sent confirming receipt of your application within 72 hours. If you do not receive a response, it will be your responsibility to follow up.

**Incomplete applications or those received after April 18, 2025
deadline will not be considered.**