Construction Industry
2013
Memorial Scholarship
Program

Chicago Area Council
Boy Scouts of America
1218 West Adams Street
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ABOUT THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Construction Industry Dinner Show is the largest single fundraising event for the benefit of the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America. Proceeds from this event help bring valuable youth service programs to over 15,000 young people annually.

In 2007, the Executive Committee of this event initiated a Scholarship program in memory of 2 key former volunteers. In 2012, the committee lost another key member and decided to honor him through this program as well. Proceeds raised from this effort go directly to defray college or higher education costs of the selected recipients.

Marc' Coffey was a long time employee of Bovis Lend Lease. Marc' was instrumental for many years in raising hundreds of thousands of dollars to support Chicago area Scouting, and as a result, positively impacted the lives of thousands of youth.

Herb Church was the former General Manager and Vice President for Turner Construction in Chicago and was a leader of the Executive Committee for this event. He was a Good Scout Award recipient and was diligent in supporting urban Scouting initiative of the Chicago Area Council for many years.

Harold Schiff was a pioneer in the area of construction management. He brought projects like the Willis Tower (then Sears) and Grand Central Terminal to life. Although his work took him around the world he was never too busy to invest his time in Chicago's youth. His recognitions in Scouting started in '83 with a Good Scout Award, then in '93 a Torch of Gold and in '94 a Silver Beaver.

The recipient of this award last year received $4,000 payable in 4 annual installments. The amount given each year will be determined by the Approval Committee and based upon funds received.

The Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America is a 501(c) 3 not-for-profit organization. Contributions to the Construction Industry Memorial Scholarship program are tax-deductible as provided by law.

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS/CHECKLIST

Congratulations on your selection as a Chicago Area Council Scholarship Applicant. This honor ranks you among the highest achieving 12th graders/seniors from the Chicago metropolitan area. It is very important that this packet of materials be completed as thoroughly and as quickly as possible in order to meet the deadlines as set by the Chicago Area Council.

This packet includes the following materials:

- Instructions/Checklist
- Application – Section 1
- Biographical Questionnaire – Section 2
- Essay – Section 3
- Secondary School Report – Section 4
- Two (2) Recommendation Forms Letters – Sections 5 and 6
- Scouting Participation – Section 7

Reminder – Please be concise, yet thorough, when answering all questions in your packet of materials. Responses to questions cannot be smaller than 10 point (this size).

<u>Submission Checklist</u>:

θ Complete all required sections entirely and accurately.

θ Make sure that the application has been signed where indicated by you, your parent/guardian, and school official.

- Use the enclosed Personal Recommendation Forms to obtain **two** letters of recommendation from individuals knowledgeable enough about you both academically and personally, to provide insight into your personal characteristics, abilities, achievements, motivation and potential**. One** of the evaluations **must be from a teacher, guidance counselor or other school official**. The second **must be from someone with whom you have worked on a community, church, or volunteer service activity, or an employer**. Before you decide on your evaluations, read the Personal Recommendation Sections carefully to help you understand the type of information required. When you make the request of your evaluators, be sure they feel comfortable about completing the form.

- Complete the Biographical Questionnaires. Please make certain that you read and sign the Verification on this section.

- Complete the Essay, limiting your response to no more than **750 words.** Your essay should be typed or computer printed, using black ink. Be sure to use a typeface no smaller than 10 point (this size).

- Obtain an Official Transcript of Grades from your school.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

Shayna Hofmeister
Chicago Area Council
1218 West Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60607

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 22, 2013

SECTION 1

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL
BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

APPLICATION

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Selection of the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Scholarship Program winner is based on a number of factors, with special emphasis on each individual's character, personal merit and background. Merit is demonstrated in a variety of ways: leadership in school, civic and other extracurricular activities, academic achievement, and motivation to serve and succeed in all endeavors.

The Deadline for Application Submission is March 22, 2013

The scholarship winner will be expected to attend the Construction Industry Scouting Dinner on April 11, 2013 at the Hyatt Regency Chicago on East Wacker Drive to receive the award.

ELIGIBILITY:

A student may apply for the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Scholarship award if he/she is:

- Current, full-time secondary school 12th grader/senior or comparable level student enrolled in a public, private or parochial school located within the territorial boundaries of the Chicago Area Council
- Planning to pursue a degree at an accredited post-secondary institution, or an apprenticeship in a building trade.
- Anticipating graduation from high school in the spring of 2013
- A youth member of the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

PERSONAL INFORMATION OF APPLICANT:

Print Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____ Email Address _____

CERTIFICATION AND WAIVER:

Review this form and make certain you have responded accurately to all items.
I certify that all the statements made in this application form are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith.

I hereby authorize the Chicago Area Council to use my promotional materials for publicity, reproduction or sale (including but not limited to photos, video tapes, quotes, written material) submitted in connection with my application for the Construction Industry Memorial Scholarship Program.

Signature _____ Date _____

Print Name _____

ACADEMIC INFORMATION:

Note: Equivalent scores for three common grading systems are given. If your school uses a different system, please consult with your school counselor. Your application cannot be accurately evaluated if you omit this item. **If "A" is the highest grade in your school, consider it as choice 5 and adjust the other grades accordingly.**

1. **Circle the option that indicates your OFFICIAL cumulative grade-point average on an unweighted basis at the end of your 11th grade/junior year or comparable level.**

	4-POINT SCALE	LETTER GRADE	PERCENT GRADE
θ	3.00 – 3.24	B	83-86
θ	3.25 – 3.49	B+	87-89
θ	3.50 – 3.74	A-	90-92
θ	3.75 – 3.89	A	93-96
θ	3.90-- 4.00	A+	97-100

2. **Indicate the type of curriculum for the courses you are currently taking. (Select only one.)**

   θ Honors or advanced placement
   θ College preparatory/University bound
   θ General/core studies

3. **Class Rank** (per the end of your 11th grade/junior year)

   A. Enter your exact class rank at the end of your *11th grade/junior* year_____

   B. Enter the size of the entire *11th grade/junior* class. _____

   C. NOTE: If your school does not rank its students, ask your guidance/school counselor for an alternative, such as top 1%, top 2%, etc. for your class ranking.

   θ Top 1% of class θ Top 10% of class
   θ Top 2% of class θ Top 15% of class
   θ Top 5% of class θ Top 20% of class

4. **Current Year Demographics** (12th grade/senior)**:**
   A. Class Size
   θ Small: 1-99 students
   θ Medium: 100-199 students
   θ Large: 200 – 349 students
   θ Very large: 350 + students

5. **Type of School:**
   θ Public θ Private
   θ Parochial

6. Are you a 12th grader/senior expecting to graduate this year? θ yes θ no

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES:

Fill in the blank under each grade in which you were an elected or appointed officer, or in which you participated as a member

	GRADE		
7. Student Council	**9**	**10**	**11**
President	θ	θ	θ
Vice President	θ	θ	θ
Secretary	θ	θ	θ
Treasurer	θ	θ	θ
Representative	θ	θ	θ
8. Class Officer			
President	θ	θ	θ
Vice President	θ	θ	θ
Secretary	θ	θ	θ
Treasurer	θ	θ	θ
9. National Honor Society			
President	θ	θ	θ
Vice President	θ	θ	θ
Secretary	θ	θ	θ
Treasurer	θ	θ	θ
Member	θ	θ	θ
10. School Newspaper			
Editor	θ	θ	θ
Assistant Editor	θ	θ	θ
Business Manager	θ	θ	θ
Staff/Contributor	θ	θ	θ
11. School Yearbook			
Editor	θ	θ	θ
Assistant Editor	θ	θ	θ
Business Manager	θ	θ	θ
Staff/Contributor	θ	θ	θ
12. National Beta Club			
President	θ	θ	θ
Vice President	θ	θ	θ
Secretary	θ	θ	θ
Treasurer	θ	θ	θ
Member	θ	θ	θ
13. Key/Rotary/ Service Club			
President	θ	θ	θ
Vice President	θ	θ	θ
Secretary	θ	θ	θ
Treasurer	θ	θ	θ
Member	θ	θ	θ

14. **School and Classroom-Related Clubs** (for example, FFA, Band, Debate Team, Music, 4-H, Drama, Foreign Language or Science Club). Indicate the number of clubs participated in each year and enter the totals below. Do **NOT** duplicate activities listed in items 7-13.

9 _____ **10** _____ **11** _____ **Total** _____

Of the classroom-related clubs in item 14, select the two clubs that have been most significant to you and mark the elected officer positions you have held.

	GRADE		
A. Club: ______________	**9**	**10**	**11**
President	θ	θ	θ
Vice President	θ	θ	θ
Secretary	θ	θ	θ
Treasurer	θ	θ	θ
B. Club: ______________			
President	θ	θ	θ
Vice President	θ	θ	θ
Secretary	θ	θ	θ
Treasurer	θ	θ	θ

15. State/Province/National Awards and Honors: Indicate the names of awards/honors received each year at the state and national level (for example, Girl's/Boy's State Delegate,) and enter the totals below:

	GRADE		
	9	**10**	**11**
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TOTAL ALL YEARS: ________________

16. City/School Awards and Honors: Indicate the names of awards/honors received each year at the school and local level (for example, 4-H, Athletic Award). Enter the totals below:

	GRADE		
	9	**10**	**11**
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17. Interscholastic Athletics: Indicate the number of interscholastic athletic teams participated in each year and enter the totals below:

9 ______ **10** ______ **11** ______ **Total** ______

Of the interscholastic athletics cited in item 17, select up to three sports in which you served as FULL SEASON team captain or co-captain and/or received a varsity letter.

	9	**10**	**11**
A. Sport: _________________			
Captain/Co-captain (Full Season)	θ	θ	θ
Varsity Letter Winner/Award of Recognition or position held on team	θ	θ	θ
B. Sport: _________________			
Captain/Co-captain (Full Season)	θ	θ	θ
Varsity Letter Winner/ Award of Recognition or position held on team	θ	θ	θ
C. Sport: _________________			
Captain/Co-Captain (Full Season)	θ	θ	θ
Varsity Letter Winner/ Award of Recognition or position held on team	θ	θ	θ

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

18. Community Organizations

Indicate the names of community organizations to which you have belonged since September of your 9th grade/freshman year (for example, Scouts, multi-cultural organization, religious youth group), and list them below.

	GRADE		
	9	10	11

TOTAL ALL YEARS: ______________

19. Volunteer Service

Indicate the names of community activities in which you participated without pay since September of your 9th grade/freshman year (for example, a soup kitchen, drug hotline, Special Olympics, hospital volunteer, camp counselor).

	9	10	11

TOTAL ALL YEARS: ______________

Of the volunteer community service activities counted in item 19, identify up to two that you consider most important. Indicate whether your volunteer action was for an activity already in existence and your participation was through a club/organization (for example, your school Key Club ran a food drive for which you were a volunteer); OR was the activity a volunteer action that YOU initiated (for example, you saw the need for and organized a soup kitchen); the duration; and whether you received any special award**.**

(1) Kind of Activity: ______________________

A. θ Club/organization sponsored
θ Self-initiated

B. Total number of hours of participation:
θ 1-10 hrs. θ 11-20 hrs.
θ 21-30 hrs. θ 31-40 hrs.
θ 41-50 hrs. θ 51 or more hrs.

C. Special award or recognition for your work: θ yes θ no

If yes, what?______________________

(2) Kind of Activity: ______________________

A. θ Club/organization sponsored
θ Self-initiated

B. Total number of hours of participation:
θ 1-10 hrs. θ 11-20 hrs.
θ 21-30 hrs. θ 31-40 hrs.
θ 41-50 hrs. θ 51 or more hrs.

C. Special award or recognition for your work: θ yes θ no

If yes, what?______________________

EMPLOYMENT ACTIVITIES:

20. Please list the paying jobs you have had (including summer employment) within the last three years:

Job/Type of Work	Employer	Dates (to-from)	Hours Worked Per Week

SECTION 2

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BIOGRAPHICAL QUESTIONNAIRE

D. TELL US YOUR THOUGHTS. *(Be concise. Limit your response to the space provided. Do not submit attachments.)*

1. Do you consider yourself to be a leader? Why or why not?

2. Tell us about your favorite community service activity and why it is important to you.

3. Many people have influenced and mentored you throughout your young life. Describe the person who has impacted your life the most and how it has changed you.

4. Tell us about a book or article you have read that has inspired you.

5. What are your plans as they relate to your anticipated educational and career objective(s)? Be as specific as possible.

SECTION 3

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ESSAY

Name: _____
School: _____
City, State/Province _____

Your essay should demonstrate style, depth and breadth of knowledge and individuality. Please limit your essay to no more than 750 words. The essay should be typed in black ink, but should not utilize a print size smaller than 10 point (this size).

VERIFICATION: I verify that the following essay is my own work.

Signature: _____ Date_____

TOPIC: You have demonstrated that you are a person who is committed to achieving very high standards. Who or what inspires you? (Attach additional page for essay completion, if necessary.)

SECTION 4

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL
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SECONDARY SCHOOL REPORT

Student Name_____
First Middle Last

FAMILY AUTHORIZATION:
To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, a school must obtain authorization prior to releasing student information to others.

Permission is hereby given to school officials to release the undersigned's high school information for consideration in the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Scholarship Program.

Student's signature _____ Date_____

Parent's or legal guardian's signature _____ Date _____

*****THE FOLLOWING SECTION TO BE COMPLETED BY A SCHOOL OFFICIAL*****

NOTE TO SCHOOL OFFICIAL: The above-named student is an applicant in the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Scholarship Program. A **certified transcript** of the student's academic record for grades 9 through 11 is required.

School _____

Address_____

City_____State/Province_____ Zip Code_____

School official's name _____ Phone ( ) _____

STUDENT PROFILE

1. Student's class rank _____ (Rank)/_____ Class Size
   If you do not rank, please estimate percentile ranking _____%

2. Student's grade point average (GPA), based on _____ semesters Weighted: _____ on a scale of _____ points. Unweighted: ____ on a scale of ____ points

VERIFICATION OF STUDENT'S SCHOOL-RELATED AND COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES

I verify that the information pertaining to the school and community activities submitted by the applicant is true and correct.

Signature of School Official: _____

Printed Name of School Official_____

Title of School Official _____ Date _____

ATTACH Certified Transcript of Grades HERE
Lack of a transcript will render the student ineligible for the scholarship competition.

SECTION 5

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL
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PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: This form must be completed by an individual of the student's choice who is a teacher, guidance counselor or other school official.

Recommendation must be typed and is limited to one page, one-sided.

The student named here is a candidate for the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Scholarship. Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America will award one scholarship to a high school 12th grader/senior wishing to pursue a career in any business, professional, or trade field of study. Scholarship winners are announced at the Construction Industry Scouting Dinner held each year. Scholarships are disbursed directly to the student's account at his/her college/university or trade school of choice.

The Evaluation Committee would like your comments on this student's leadership qualities, communication skills, involvement in school and extracurricular activities, and dedication. Please make no reference to the financial condition of the student or the student's family.

Your evaluation will become part of the student's confidential file intended for use by the Evaluation Committee. Please complete and return this form with your letter of recommendation attached to this form for inclusion with other materials to be mailed to the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Student Name: (First, middle initial, last)_____

Recommending Person _____Title_____

Address _____

Number of years/months acquainted with student _____ years _____ months

In what capacity? _____

Signature _____

Please note that the application/evaluation must be received no later than **March 22, 2013.**
If this evaluation is not returned by the deadline, the student will not be considered for the scholarship competition.

SECTION 6

CHICAGO AREA COUNCIL
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PERSONAL RECOMMENDATION FORM

INSTRUCTIONS: This form must be completed by an individual of the student's choice who is an individual the student knows well through religious affiliation, family-friend, Scouting leader, one you have worked with on a volunteer service activity or an employer.

Recommendation must be typed and is limited to one page, one-sided.

The student named here is a candidate for the Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Scholarship. Chicago Area Council, Boy Scouts of America will award one scholarship to a high school 12th grader/senior wishing to pursue a career in any business, professional, or trade field of study. Scholarship winners are announced at the Construction Industry Scouting Dinner held each year. Scholarships are disbursed directly to the student's account at his/her college/university or trade school of choice.

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Student Name: (First, middle initial, last)_____

Recommending Person _____Title_____

Address _____

Number of years/months acquainted with student _____ year_____ months

In what capacity? _____

Signature _____

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SECTION 7

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SCOUTING PARTICIPATION FORM

Please complete the following questions describing your Scouting experience.

1. **Cub Scouts**

   Member of Pack _____ from _____ to _____

   Highest Rank earned _____

2. **Boy Scouts**

   Member of Troop _____ from _____ to _____

   Highest Rank earned _____ date _____

   Order of the Arrow Ordeal _____ Brotherhood _____ Vigil _____

   Religious Awards _____

   Other Scouting Recognitions _____

3. **Venturing/Exploring**

   Member of Crew/Post _____ from _____ to _____

   Highest Honor received _____ date _____

4. Describe your most memorable Scouting/Exploring experience. _____

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5. Describe how your Scouting/Exploring training assisted you at a critical time in your life. _____

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6. Who was your most influential Scout/Explorer leader? And Why? _____

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