
Construction Industry
2014
Memorial Scholarship
Program



Chicago Area Council
Boy Scouts of America
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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).

Submission Checklist:

- Ø Complete all required sections entirely and accurately.
- Ø Make sure that the application has been signed where indicated by you, your parent/guardian, and school official.

- Ø 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.
- Ø Complete the Biographical Questionnaires. Please make certain that you read and sign the Verification on this section.
- Ø 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).
- Ø Obtain an Official Transcript of Grades from your school.

COMPLETED APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:

**Myriam Herrera
Chicago Area Council
1218 West Adams Street
Chicago, IL 60607**

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION: March 15, 2014

**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 15, 2014

The scholarship winner will be expected to attend the Construction Industry Scouting Dinner on April 30, 2014 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 2014
- 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
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.00 – 3.24	B	83-86
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.25 – 3.49	B+	87-89
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.50 – 3.74	A-	90-92
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.75 – 3.89	A	93-96
<input type="checkbox"/> 3.90-- 4.00	A+	97-100

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

- Honors or advanced placement
- College preparatory/University bound
- 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.

- | | |
|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 1% of class | <input type="checkbox"/> Top 10% of class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 2% of class | <input type="checkbox"/> Top 15% of class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Top 5% of class | <input type="checkbox"/> Top 20% of class |

4. Current Year Demographics (12th grade/senior):

- A. Class Size
- Small: 1-99 students
 - Medium: 100-199 students
 - Large: 200 – 349 students
 - Very large: 350 + students

5. Type of School:

- Public Private
- Parochial

6. Are you a 12th grader/senior expecting to graduate this year? yes 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		
	9	10	11
7. Student Council			
President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Representative	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
8. Class Officer			
President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
9. National Honor Society			
President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
10. School Newspaper			
Editor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant Editor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff/Contributor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
11. School Yearbook			
Editor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Assistant Editor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Business Manager	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Staff/Contributor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
12. National Beta Club			
President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
13. Key/Rotary/Service Club			
President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Vice President	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Secretary	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Treasurer	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Member	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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** _____

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
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
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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.)

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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.

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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 15, 2014.**
If this evaluation is not returned by the deadline, the student will not be considered for the scholarship competition.

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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.

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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. _____

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

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