



SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF RAIL SHIPPERS

GEORGE J. ELKING JR. SCHOLARSHIP

Each year, the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers (SWARS) provides scholarships to qualified applicants. Scholarships are administered at the sole discretion of SWARS and awards are conferred on a competitive basis. Funding is made available only for the scholastic year beginning in the fall semester following notification of a scholarship award.

Who is Eligible?

Undergraduate college students in good standing and college bound high school seniors residing in the SWARS geographical territory. Students from the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Southern California (from and including Fresno and points south thereof), Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and the Republic of Mexico are eligible. All applicants must be citizens of the U.S.A., Mexico or Canada. Students must be enrolled to attend a college or university in the United States, Mexico or Canada. The school must be fully accredited by its regional accrediting commission on higher education and the student must be registered in a course of study leading to a traditional baccalaureate degree.

How Are Recipients Selected?

Scholarship recipients will be chosen from qualified students who meet the eligibility requirements and submit completed applications before the deadline. Scholarship recipients will be selected according to merit on a competitive basis and with regard to financial need. The scholarship committee will choose the recipients by evaluating each eligible student's self-description, academic performance, community involvement, employment history and financial status. Additional consideration will be given to those pursuing a degree program in a transportation related industry. Selected recipients will be featured on promotional materials at SWARS meetings and on our website. All selected recipients will be asked to submit a picture for this purpose.

What is the Amount of the Scholarship?

The scholarship stipend is a one-time disbursement typically ranging from \$500 to \$2,000 (USD) as determined by the scholarship committee. Funds will be disbursed directly to the college or university at which the recipient is enrolled. Scholarship recipients from prior years are eligible to receive multiple awards but must re-apply each year. A maximum of four (4) awards will be given to any individual.

Where do I send my application?

Completed applications should be sent to:

Susan Cox
Chevron Phillips Chemical Company
10001 Six Pines Drive
The Woodlands, Texas 77380

Applications must be postmarked by **April 30**, of each year without exception.

What Do I Need To Include With My Scholarship Application?

SWARS requires a completed application with the following information.

1. A completed application
2. Copy of academic transcript
3. Copy of ACT or SAT test results
4. List of extracurricular activities detailing community involvement and awards
5. Work history
6. Personal statement
7. Letter of sponsorship from a SWARS member in good standing in a sealed envelope
8. Letter of recommendation from a school counselor, teacher or professor in a sealed envelope

Application

Must be signed in blue or black ink

Academic Transcript

Academic transcripts do not need to be certified, clear copies will suffice

List of Extracurricular activities

Applicants should detail on a separate sheet their community involvement and extracurricular activities including awards and achievements

Work History

Applicants are required to submit their employment history. The ideal format is a list in table form indicating job start and stop dates, position title and company name. Resumes will be accepted but are not preferred.

Personal Statement

Personal statements should be typed with a maximum length of 2 pages (double spaced). Applicants are encouraged to be creative but should detail career goals particularly those relating to transportation as well as any special circumstances that require consideration. The awards committee reviews all statements anonymously so please do not include any identifying information.

Letter of Sponsorship/Recommendation

The SWARS application requires TWO letters. Each letter should be type-written and sealed in an envelope. The applicant's name should ONLY appear on the envelope and not in the body of the letter. Names that appear in the body of the letter will be blacked out prior to distribution to the committee to enable blind review. Parents/guardians, grandparents or other relatives are eligible to sponsor the applicant. Scholarship committee members may not sponsor an applicant.

****PLEASE NOTE, ONLY THE DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR THE APPLICATION WILL BE CONSIDERED. ADDITIONAL LETTERS OF REFERENCE WILL BE DISREGARDED****

Who Can Answer Scholarship Questions?

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship including requests for exceptions, you may contact the SWARS Scholarship committee chair, Susan Cox, at (832) 813-4304 or email at coxsl@cpchem.com.



SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF RAIL SHIPPERS GEORGE J. ELKING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

All scholarship applicants must complete this application. Applications will not be accepted unless completed in full and postmarked by **April 30** of each year. The application must be signed.

The following items MUST be included for a candidate to be considered:

1. Completed Application
2. Copy of academic transcript
3. Copy of ACT or SAT test results
4. List of extracurricular activities
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The scholarship considers all applicants anonymously. Please take care in preparing your application to restrict personal information to this page only. Letters of sponsorship/recommendation should not refer to the applicant by name. It is **HIGHLY** recommended that each applicant carefully review the information document prior to completing the application. Only the documents requested on this application will be considered. Additional information will be discarded.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Gender: _____M _____F
Last First Middle

Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone No: (_____) _____ Cell No: (_____) _____

Email Address: _____

Please indicate the best way to contact you should a question on your application arise _____

By signing this application, the undersigned attests to the accuracy of the information provided on this application and acknowledges the eligibility requirements. The applicant further acknowledges that SWARS will determine awards based on competitive review at SWARS sole discretion and any false statement shall cause immediate disqualification.

Applicant Signature _____

Date: _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

Name of High School: _____ City: _____ State _____

High School Graduation Date: _____

College/University: _____

Address: _____

(Awards will be sent to the college address indicated above)

Full-time _____ Part-time _____ Current GPA _____

Degree Sought/Field of Study: _____

Explain how/if your degree relates to transportation: _____

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Number of family members: _____ Ages of Siblings _____

Are any of your siblings in college now? Yes _____ No _____

Other special family or financial conditions you wish to be considered: _____

Have you applied for other scholarships? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, have you been notified of selection for another scholarship(s)? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, what is the amount of the scholarship(s)? _____

Are you eligible for a Pell Grant? Yes _____ No _____

Have you applied for a Pell Grant? Yes _____ No _____

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