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## **ILLINOIS READY-MIXED CONCRETE ASSOCIATION**

### **SCHOLARSHIP FUND PROGRAM**

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The Illinois Ready-Mixed Concrete Association (IRMCA) has created a Scholarship Fund to support qualifying person pursuing a college degree or certification/license within the concrete or construction industry.

Below is a description of the program eligibility requirements, the selection process, the award details, and directions on submitting an application to the scholarship selection committee.

#### Eligibility:

- Applicant must be a family member, employee, or an employee's family member, of an Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association Member, either Producer, Associate, Affiliate, or Contractor.
- Applicant can be anyone seeking a college education, a certification from a technical or trade school, or a commercial driver's license, and who is already enrolled or planning to enroll in one of the following:
  - A four-year university or college seeking a degree in a CIM - Concrete Industry Management program.
  - A four-year university or college seeking a degree in a construction-related field which can include Engineering (related to the construction industry), Construction Technology, Construction Management, Concrete Technology, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Science, or Computer Science, or other similar construction or concrete-related fields.
  - A community college seeking a degree or certificate in a construction-related field which can include Engineering (related to the construction field), Construction Technology, Construction Management, Concrete Technology, or other similar construction or concrete-related fields.
  - An accredited technical school or trade school seeking the completion of a certificate program related to the concrete or construction field, i.e. Diesel Mechanics/Technician, Welding Certification, Computer Technology, or Social Media program. This scholarship may also be used for any ACI Illinois certification programs, as well.
  - A licensed commercial truck driving school to attain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL).
- The applicant's most recent GPA must be 2.5 or higher for the larger scholarship awards. A copy of the student's most recent transcript or report card must be submitted with their application.
- Some instances, a GED may be the only requirement.

#### Selection Process:

- Applicants must fill out the provided application form.
- Applicants will be required to submit an essay that is between 250 and 500 words describing their enthusiasm and motivation for seeking a career in a field related to concrete, construction, or engineering (construction related).
- Applicants will be required to submit at least 1 letter of recommendation from a non-family member that describes the applicant's academic capability as well as their character.
- Applications must be submitted no later than July 31st and either mailed to the following address:

Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association  
Attn: Scholarship Committee  
303 Landmark Drive, Suite 1-A  
Normal, IL 61761

or emailed to: [IRMCA@IRMCA.org](mailto:IRMCA@IRMCA.org)

#### Award Details:

- A minimum of 1 scholarship will be awarded each academic year to the applicant chosen by the selection committee. All recipients will be reviewed and confirmed by the Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association Board of Directors before the applicant is notified of the award.
- IRMCA may award up to \$5,000 scholarship if the winner chooses to enroll in the CIM (Concrete Industry Management) Program at one of the following schools:
  - South Dakota State University
  - Middle Tennessee State University
- IRMCA may award up to \$2,500 scholarship to a student enrolled in a four-year university or college seeking a degree in a construction-related field which includes Engineering (related to the construction field), Construction Technology, Construction Management, Concrete Technology, or other similar construction or concrete-related fields.
- IRMCA may award up to \$1,000 scholarship to a student enrolled in a community college seeking an associate's degree in a construction-related field which includes Engineering (related to the construction field), Construction Technology, Construction Management, Concrete Technology, or other similar construction or concrete-related fields.
- IRMCA may award up to \$1,000 scholarship to an individual enrolled in a licensed commercial truck driving school to attain a Commercial Driver's License (CDL) for becoming a ready-mixed concrete truck driver. Scholarship will be paid out after one year of service as a ready-mixed concrete truck driver for an IRMCA member.

#### Award Details (cont.):

- Applicants who choose to use the award for an ACI Illinois certification program may receive an award for the exact amount of fees for the certification program. Applicants must pass the course prior to receiving the scholarship money.
- The scholarship committee reserves the right to award an individual a maximum of 4 scholarships, over a four-year period. The student is required to be enrolled in a 4-year program and maintain a 3.0 GPA at the completion of their first year of studies.
- There is no financial requirement on the part of either the applicant or their parent(s) to receive a scholarship award. Applicants will be chosen based on the overall quality of their application including current GPA, entry essay, and letter(s) of recommendation as determined by the selection committee.
- The intent of this scholarship is to award it to someone who is, one way or another, a part of the Illinois Ready-Mixed Concrete Association membership. However, if there is a lack of applicants, the committee reserves the right to offer the scholarship to an Illinois state college program.
- We anticipate our scholarship program to award funds to college student recipients by August 31st of each year. For recipients seeking reimbursement for certification courses or CDL training, scholarship funds will be awarded upon proper documentation of successful course completion.

#### Instructions for applying:

- Fill out the application form completely, use additional paper if necessary.
- Include a 250-500 word essay on why you are seeking a career in a field related to concrete, construction, or engineering (construction related).
- Provide a letter(s) of recommendation from person(s) unrelated to the applicant and can attest to your character and academic ability.
- Provide a copy of the applicant's most recent grade transcripts.

For more information or any questions, contact Mike Rickerson with IRMCA (Illinois Ready-Mixed Concrete Association). [mrickerson@irmca.org](mailto:mrickerson@irmca.org) or #815-354-7329

**Please note that any IRMCA (Illinois Ready Mixed Concrete Association) employee, any IRMCA board member, or IRMCA committee appointee, shall recuse themselves from the application acceptance process of a relative, dependent, or child applying for the scholarship program.**