

WECEF Scholarship Application



WECEF Scholarship - Guidelines & Criteria

The WECEF Scholarship - The Western Electrical Contractors Education Foundation is pleased to offer a scholarship program for students enrolled in the WECA Apprenticeship or Electrician Trainee Programs.

Scholarship Terms and Amounts - Scholarships are awarded in amounts ranging from \$500 to \$1,250 per year to be used toward the cost of books, tools, and/or tuition. Scholarship awards will be distributed to the student by WECEF upon completion of the next semester of the Apprenticeship class or Electrician Trainee course. **The award is contingent upon successfully finishing the course or semester with a minimum grade of 80% and having no more than one absence.** Students are eligible for the WECEF Scholarship for a maximum of two years or 8 courses, which must be completed within two years.

Eligibility Requirements -To be eligible, an applicant must:

- be enrolled in the Apprenticeship or Electrician Trainee Program at WECA.
- have worked in the field for at least 6 months before applying.
- file a timely and complete application.
- demonstrate financial need.
- complete next course or semester with a minimum grade of 80% and have no more than one class absence.

Application Requirements:

- Application: complete **all** sections of the application and attachments listed
- A transcript from high school, WECA or other educational institution or a resume
- A completed Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form (attached)
- A letter of recommendation from someone who is not a family member
- 200-350 maximum word essay on your choice of one of the four (4) topics listed.

Evaluation Criteria - Evaluation criteria are weighted as follows:; a transcript from high school, WECA, IEC, or other educational institution or employment history, 25%; financial need, 25%; recommendation letter, 25%; and essay, 25%.

Selection - The selection committee will review all applications from eligible candidates. Recipients will be selected based upon how well they meet the scholarship criteria and awards are limited to funds available. All applicants will be notified of the committee's final decision.

How to Apply - Visit our website at www.wecef.org to download an application or contact WECEF toll free at (877)-444-9322 ext 112. You will need to submit:

Deadline and Notification - Current Applications must be postmarked by **September 17, 2010** and recipients will be notified of award decisions by **October 8th, 2010**.

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Read eligibility requirements before applying. Print legibly or type all information. Please type your essay. *Incomplete applications will not be accepted.*
Application postmark deadline: September 17, 2010

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

In order to be considered for a scholarship award, the following items must be sent to the address below, and **postmarked by September 17, 2010**:

- Application: complete **all** sections of the application and attach and submit **all** of the additional elements below
- A transcript from high school, WECA or other educational institution or a resume
- A completed Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form (attached)
- A letter of recommendation from someone who is not a family member
- 200-350 maximum word essay on your choice of one of the four (4) topics below.

Mail your completed application and additional required documents by the deadline of **September 17, 2010** to:

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| The WECEF Scholarship 9719 Lincoln Village Drive, Suite 303 Sacramento, CA 95827 |
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It is the student's responsibility to make sure all elements are postmarked on or before the deadline of **September 17, 2010**. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

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Applicant Information

WECA Student ID#: _____ Date of Birth ____/____/____

Name (first, middle, last): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Student Program - Circle only one student type below:

(i.e. Apprentice or Trainee and then Program and Year)

If you are an Apprentice circle your program and year:

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|------------|-------------|-----|---|---|---|
| Commercial | Residential | VDV | | | |
| Year: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |

If you are a Trainee circle your program and year:

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|---------|-------------|---|---|---|
| General | Residential | | | |
| Year: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Does your employer pay for or offer reimbursement for tuition, books and/or tools?

Yes No

If yes, please circle the items below that your employer pays for or offers reimbursement.

Tuition Books Tools

Optional: This data is for analysis only and does not impact scholarship award decision.

Ethnicity or Race (Please mark one):

- White
- Black or African American
- Asian or Pacific Islander
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Hispanic
- Filipino

Sex: Male Female

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Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Form

Please refer to your latest Income Tax Return when completing this form.

Dependency Status: (circle one) Independent Dependent

Students Monthly Gross Income _____

Assets and estimated value i.e., house, car _____

Other Income (i.e. spouse or family support) _____

Household size (i.e. # of dependent family other than self) _____

Number of children in a Vocational or Trade School or College _____

If you are an Independent Student please answer additional questions below:

Do you have any dependents *other than yourself and your spouse*?

_____ Yes and if so how many _____

_____ No

Please indicate your marital status: _____ Single _____ Married

If you are a Dependent Student please answer the questions below:

Parents Annual Gross Income _____

Parents Assets Estimated Value _____

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Essay:

Please select one of the four (4) topics below as your essay topic and submit a separate typed essay that includes your name and attach to all required documents.

WECEF Scholarship Essay Topics: (Select One)

- (1) Describe the leadership and management capabilities and traits you feel are needed to be an effective field supervisor in the electrical construction field and why.
- (2) Explain what job site improvements that you think would help improve quality of work, increase productivity and/or reduce rework or improve safety issues you have experienced and state your recommended solutions and how they might be implemented.
- (3) Choose a cost saving idea you might have for your employer. Describe the situation, what your cost saving ideas are and list the steps for implementation of the idea and state whether it will most impact personnel, material or indirect costs.
- (4) Share your thoughts/ideas/suggestions on how alternative green technologies and “green” products, procedures and processes will impact the electrical industries scope of work and what you feel you need to learn and have more knowledge about in order to be more effective on the job.

Certification: *By signing below, I certify that this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I am the author of my essay. I have not attempted to conceal or falsify any information. If selected as a scholarship recipient, I understand I will be required to notify WECA upon completion of a course after notification of award and verification of course grade and hours attended prior to receiving payment. I understand I will not receive payment until this information has been received and reviewed. I fully understand that any discovered falsification of information will result in termination of the scholarship award.*

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APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Signature

Date