



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-IEC Apprenticeship or Electrician Trainee Program.

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 ET course *or* semester of the apprenticeship program. 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-IEC.
- not receive full reimbursement or have an employer that pays for the entire cost of tuition, books *and* tools.
- have worked in the field for at least 6 months before applying.
- demonstrate financial need.
- file a timely and complete application.
- complete next course or semester with a minimum grade of 80%.

Application Requirements

1. Applicants must submit a completed application form including a brief, one-page essay addressing the following points:

- Personal background and interests
- Describe the electrical training program you plan to pursue. Why do you want to become an electrician? How will this scholarship benefit you?
- What are your careers goals? Where do you see yourself in 5 years?
- Anything else you haven't addressed that would contribute to this decision?

2. Applicants must fill out an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) Form.

3. Applicants must provide a WECA-IEC transcript (If you have taken less than 5 hours of WECA-IEC classes then you must submit a high school transcript instead)

4. Applicants must also include a letter of recommendation from someone such as a teacher, counselor, employer or mentor in support of your application for the WECEF scholarship.

Evaluation Criteria

Evaluation criteria are weighted as follows: essay, 25%; financial need, 25%; a transcript (including any WECA-IEC discipline points), 25%; and recommendation letter, 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 at (877) 444-9322 ext. 112. You will need to submit:

- an accurately completed application form
- a brief essay
- a WECA-IEC transcript (If you have taken less than 5 hours of WECA-IEC classes then you must submit a high school transcript instead)
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form
- a recommendation letter

Deadline

Applications must be received by **March 11, 2010**.

Mail all elements and materials to:

The WECEF Scholarship
9719 Lincoln Village Drive, Suite 303
Sacramento, CA 95827

Applicants will be notified about the selection committee's final decision on or before March 25, 2010.

Additional information about the WECEF Scholarship may be obtained by contacting Terry Seabury at (877) 444-9322 ext. 112, via email at tseabury@weca-iec.org or visiting our website at www.wecef.org



THE WECEF SCHOLARSHIP – Apprenticeship Application

Read eligibility requirements before applying. Print or type all information.

Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

Application deadline: March 11, 2010

APPLICATION PACKET CHECKLIST

In order to be considered for a scholarship award, the following items must be sent to the address below. **We must receive your completed application by March 11, 2010.**

- Application: complete **all** sections of the application and submit **all** additional elements
- A 200-300 word essay that addresses your career goals and how this scholarship will help you achieve those goals
- A WECA-IEC transcript (If you have taken less than 5 hrs of WECA-IEC classes then you must submit a high school transcript instead)
- A completed Expected Family Contribution (EFC) form
- A letter of recommendation from someone who is not a family member

Mail your completed application and additional elements before the **March 11, 2010 deadline** to:

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 we receive all elements before the March 11, 2010 deadline. Late or incomplete applications will not be accepted.

The WECEF Scholarship – Apprenticeship Application Form

Applicant Information

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

Place of Birth: _____

Name (first, middle last): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone #: _____ Alternate Phone #: _____

Email: _____

Program (circle one): Commercial Residential VDV

Year (circle one): 1 2 3 4 5

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

Yes No

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

Books Tools

Would you like us to use your WECA-IEC transcripts? (If no, you must include a transcript from high school or other educational institution.)

Yes No

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

Essay:

You may write your 250 – 300 word essay in the space provided or attach a separate sheet. Please address the following questions within essay:

1. Personal background and interests

2. Describe the Apprenticeship Program you plan to pursue (Commercial, Residential, VDV). Why do you want to become an electrician? How will this scholarship benefit you?

3. What are your career goals? Where do you see yourself in 5 years?

4. Is there anything else you haven't addressed that would contribute to this decision?

Certification:

By signing below, I certify that this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and I have not attempted to conceal or falsify any information. If selected as a scholarship recipient, I understand I will be required to submit verification of course grade and a copy of my 2009 Income Tax Return 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.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE

Signature

Date

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