



NATIONAL COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

College Scholarship Program Application

NCTA proudly awards three Scholarships annually to dependent sons and daughters of full-time employees of NCTA member companies in good standing. Applicants must be classified as a **junior or senior** at an accredited non-profit college or university. Semi-finalists will be selected primarily on the basis of academic merit with consideration given to extracurricular activities and community involvement. A stated career interest in coal production, electric generation, and coal transportation will be noted favorably.

Name: _____ E-mail: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Company Employing Parent & Location:

High School Attended: _____ City, State: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ Weighted? Y N

ACT/SAT Score: _____

College/University Currently Attending: _____

Declared Major: _____

Number of Credits Earned at End of Current Semester/Quarter: _____

NOTE: Certified grade transcripts are not required but, will be requested from the three finalists in the selection process

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

The purpose of this application is to acquaint the Education Committee with the candidates. In order to assist the Education Committee in making their decision, please answer the following:

Describe your educational goals:

Describe your career aspirations:

What would you like the Education Committee to consider in evaluating your application and/or what would you like to tell the Committee about yourself?

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Please scan additional documentation that you feel is pertinent to the Education Committee to consider and return via e-mail by July 31st to:

nctascholarship@gmail.com



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PURPOSE:

The National Coal Transportation Association (“NCTA”) is a tax exempt, Non-Profit Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, with primary purposes to educate and inform members and the general public on issues related to the use and transportation of coal and to promote exchange the exchange of ideas, knowledge and technology.

The National Coal Transportation Association Scholarship Program was established to further the NCTA’s ongoing interest in education and development of informed leaders of tomorrow. The Scholarship Program provides scholarships for financial assistance toward the higher education costs of qualified applicants who are children of employees of Association Member companies and who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership ability.

ELIGIBILITY:

The dependent sons and daughters of full time employees of companies who are Members in good standing of the NCTA and are enrolled as full time college sophomores or juniors are eligible to apply for a scholarship award to be used for their subsequent junior or senior year. The applicant’s parent’s Member Company must be in good standing and the parent of the applicant must be employed by the Member at the time the winners are selected.

Definition: "Dependent" means the son or daughter of the employee is declared as a dependent exemption for income tax purposes under the rules and regulations established by the Internal Revenue Service.

MEMBER’S CHILDREN SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Three scholarships of \$1500 each will be awarded annually to qualified applicants. The scholarships are to be applied to educational expenses at any accredited non-profit college or university in the United States or Canada. Recipients of these awards may re-apply each year if they remain eligible, but may only receive a scholarship award a maximum of two years. A new competition for the awards will be held yearly. Recipients may transfer from one institution to another and retain the awards.

DAVID L. LAFFERE MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP:

In 2009, NCTA established a scholarship in memory of David L. Laffere, a friend and colleague of the NCTA who died tragically in a car accident in June 2009. A scholarship in memory of David L. Laffere was established and continues to be awarded to one of the three Member's Children scholarship winners. This scholarship is in the amount of \$1,500 and is awarded annually.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Application forms will be available from the NCTA website or by email on March 1st. Applicants may include the following information; letters of recommendation test scores, extracurricular activities, etc. The application can be downloaded and completed in Adobe Acrobat and all supporting materials scanned and e-mailed in one PDF. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31st. Email your completed application to nctascholarship@gmail.com.

SELECTION PROCESS:

An initial selection process to select semi-finalists will be conducted by the NCTA Education Committee. This committee is composed of persons who have no connection with any of the applicants and will select the final winners during the month of September each year. The committee will evaluate the applicants' academic records, test scores, recommendations, extracurricular activities, leadership skills, and personal statement of career interest. A certified grade transcript will be requested from the three finalists selected by the NCTA Education Committee. Your transcript will confirm the GPA provided in the application submitted by each finalist before checks are mailed to the winners. Finalists will be selected largely on the basis of academic merit. Special consideration will be given to applicants with a stated interest in the various industries represented by the NCTA field of Membership. All applicants will be notified of results as soon as possible after the selection process. All decisions of the Education Committee are final and made in the sole discretion of the committee.

RESPONSIBILITY OF RECIPIENTS:

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student in the fall of the academic year for which the scholarships are awarded. Scholarship recipients shall utilize their scholarship funds to pay for tuition, room and board, fees, books or other education related expenses.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

Checks are made payable to the recipient and will be mailed to the winners by the end of October of that year.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

The three Member's Children Scholarship winners including the David Laffere Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the NCTA's Fall Conference held in September. The winners will be notified by the NCTA Education Committee. A list of the winners will be featured in the NCTA publication, the *Coal Transporter*.