

NATIONAL COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

MEMBER'S CHILDREN

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION¹

Four NCTA Scholarships are awarded annually to dependent sons and daughters of full time employees of NCTA member companies in good standing who are soon to **enter their college junior or college senior year** at an accredited non-profit college or university. Semi-finalists will be selected primarily on the basis of academic merit. Special consideration will be given to applicants with a stated interest in a career in the coal, electric utilities, and transportation industries reflected by the NCTA field of Membership. The four awardees will be selected by the NCTA Education Committee.

Name: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____

Parent's Name: _____

Company Employing Parent & Location:

High School Attended: _____ City, State: _____

Date of Graduation: _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____ Weighted? Y N (circle one)

ACT/SAT Score: _____

College/University Currently Attending: _____

Declared Major: _____

Number of Credits Earned By End of Current Semester/Quarter: _____¹

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

¹ Certified grade transcripts are not required but will be requested from the four finalists in the selection process.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Please attach any other documentation that you feel is pertinent to the Education Committee to consider and return this application by July 31 to the address below:

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National Coal Transportation Association

Member's Children Scholarship Program

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 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. Each year the NCTA provides scholarships to qualified students at various educational institutions. In addition, the Member's Children 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 which are Members in good standing of the NCTA, and who 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:

Four non-renewable, one year scholarships of \$1500 each will be awarded each year 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 reapply 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 each year. 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 four 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 mail March 1st of each year. Applications will be mailed to those who request them. Applications may be emailed, mailed or faxed to the NCTA Executive Director. Applicants may include the following information; grade transcripts, letters of recommendation, test scores, extracurricular activities. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31 each year.

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. The Grade Point Average (GPA) and the transcript of college students will also be considered. A certified grade transcript will be requested from the four finalists selected by the NCTA Education Committee. The grade transcript will confirm the GPA in the transcripts against 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 successful applicants will be notified of results in as soon as possible after the selection process is complete.

RESPONSIBILITY OF RECIPIENTS:

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student in the fall of the 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 four Member's Children Scholarship winners including the David Laffere Memorial Scholarship will be announced at the NCTA's Fall Conference held in September of each year. The winners will be notified by the NCTA Education Committee. A list of the winners will be posted on the NCTA website.

More information, including a downloadable application form, is available from the NCTA website www.nationalcoaltransportation.org or by mail request from the Executive Director of the NCTA:

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