

## **MBCEA MID-ATLANTIC SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM GUIDELINES 2024**

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Metal Building Contractors & Erectors Association is accepting applications for the award of a scholarship or scholarships to qualifying applicants based on the following guidelines.

### **The Scholarship Fund**

The Mid-Atlantic Chapter of MBCEA prides itself on educating and training workers in the metal building industry in a way that makes them more productive and promotes safety in the workplace. In order to further this stated objective, the chapter shall establish, by authority of the Board of Directors, a scholarship fund which is to be used to further the education of individuals in the metal construction industry. That fund shall consist of a contribution from the chapter's operating account. The amount of the scholarship fund may be revised from time to time by majority vote of the Board of Directors.

### **Scholarship Recipient and Use**

Because the scholarship to be awarded through this program is designed to achieve the chapter's goals of promoting the industry, including training a smarter and safer work force, emphasis shall be placed (although not exclusively) on funding for tuition or training relevant to the metal construction industry. There shall be no age, gender, membership, or other limitations. One or multiple scholarships may be awarded in the aggregate in any one year. There shall be no requirement that all the scholarship money be awarded in any one year. In years where the award is less than that which is available, the unused amounts shall be deposited back into the scholarship fund for use in subsequent years.

### **Qualifications for the Scholarship**

The scholarship shall be awarded on a merit basis by a committee of 5 members of the Board of Directors based on applications submitted to the committee. Candidates shall be judged on the following criteria:

- (1) A completed Application submitted to the Chapter;
- (2) Copies of transcripts from the most recent educational institution attended (HS, college, etc.);
- (3) Confirmation that the candidate is or will be a full time or part time student.
- (4) Information on other scholarships or need based aid, and if so, the percentage
- (5) A current resume from the applicant;
- (6) A short essay (no less than 2 paragraphs) explaining the candidate's long term interest in joining the metal business industry and/or the construction industry and if so in what capacity.
- (7) Letters of recommendation; to include past/current employers, educators, non family supervisors.
- (8) Membership status with MBCEA (employee of member company), if not affiliated with a member firm. ; and

- (9) A letter from the applicant outlining the use to which the scholarship would be put, the long term goals of the applicant and how the scholarship would help with these goals, and any other pertinent information the applicant believes the committee should consider, including extenuating circumstances and financial need.
- (10) Video presentations are welcome and recommended to accompany the application.

The selection committee may also request an interview at its discretion.

### **Process of Award of Scholarship**

Unless otherwise set by the Board of Directors for the chapter, applications for the scholarship shall be submitted on or before October 15. The committee shall select and announce recipients of the scholarship no later than October 31 of the same year. The committee would like to award the scholarship(s) in person at the December 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Social in Blue Bell, PA. We encourage the recipients to attend as our guest to accept the award and share your story.



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