



SOUTHWEST ASSOCIATION OF RAIL SHIPPERS

GEORGE J. ELKING JR. SCHOLARSHIP

This fund is under the supervision and control of the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers. The purpose of the fund is to provide Scholarships for ambitious and worthy students who have an interest in transportation, and who have a desire to obtain higher education but are in need of financial aid to do so. The scholarships are administered solely by the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers.

Who is Eligible?

High school students from the states of Arizona, Arkansas, Southern California, Colorado, Kansas, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Texas, Utah and the Republic of Mexico are eligible. College students who are in good standing at their respective college or university are also eligible. All applicants must be citizens of the U.S.A., Mexico or Canada and live in the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers Region. Applicants can be either dependent or non-dependent students. (Dependent students defined as those who receive support from parents or guardians.)

How Do I Apply for the Scholarship?

To apply for the scholarship, an application form must be completed and submitted, along with additional biographical and academic information, to Laurie Stiles, Awards Coordinator, Southwest Association of Rail Shippers, C/o Targa Resources, 1000 Louisiana St.; Suite 4300, Houston, TX 77002 by April 30, of each year.

What Do I Need To Include With My Scholarship Application?

A 'Dependent' or 'Non-Dependent' Application must be completed. Applications will not be accepted unless completed in full and submitted by April 30. Applicant and parent/guardian as appropriate must sign forms.

Southwest Association of Rail Shippers Scholarships requires the following information:

- 1. A completed application**
- 2. Academic transcript**
- 3. Copy of SAT or ACT test results**
- 4. List of extracurricular activities, including work related transportation activity, if any**
- 5. Personal statement**
- 6. Letter of recommendation from a member/participant of the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers and school counselor**

How Are Recipients Selected?

Scholarship recipients will be chosen from the students who make application to the Awards Committee of the Southwest Association of Rail Shippers before the deadline. Scholarship recipients will be selected according to merit on a competitive basis, and with regard to financial need. The Awards Committee will choose the recipients by evaluating each eligible student's self-description, test scores and financial need.

What is the Amount of the Scholarship?

The scholarship stipend is a 'one-time' disbursement typically ranging from \$500 to \$1,000 as determined by the scholarship committee. Funds will be disbursed to the college of recipient's choice. Students can apply for more than one scholarship award but must reapply each year.

What are my Obligations and Responsibilities if I am selected?

Scholarship recipients are completely responsible for making admission arrangements and fulfilling all requirements of the school selected, which must be a college or university in the United States or Mexico, which is fully accredited by its regional accrediting commission on higher education. The recipient must enter college as a student in the fall term following selection and must pursue a course of study leading to one of the traditional baccalaureate/graduate degrees. Scholarship recipients are expected to make normal academic progress from year to year and must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing. While honor grades are not required, scholarship recipients have a responsibility to do quality work in college.

Who handles Scholarship procedures?

The Southwest Association of Rail Shippers handles all phases of the process, including selection of recipients and payment of stipends.

Who can answer Scholarship questions?

You may contact the Awards Coordinator, Laurie Stiles, Southwest Association of Rail Shippers, at (713) 584-1312 or email at lstyles@targaresources.com.