

## **IVAN A. OLSON SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

This fund is under the supervision and control of the North American Rail Shippers Association (NARS). The purpose of the fund is to provide Scholarships for ambitious and worthy individuals who are enrolled in a transportation, logistics or supply chain management program at an accredited university. The scholarships are administered solely by the North American Rail Shippers Association. The scholarship is named in honor of Ivan A. Olson, an eminent transportation professional, a past president of NARS and former Vice President Transportation, Longview Fibre Company, Longview, Washington.

### **Who is Eligible?**

College students who are in good standing at their respective college or university, currently enrolled in a transportation, logistics or supply chain management program and who are Canadian, Mexican or U.S.A. citizens.

### **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 the Awards Committee, North American Rail Shippers Association, PO Box 200, LaFox, IL 60147 by **April 10**. Go to <https://www.railshippers.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/09/nars-application-form.2018.pdf> to access the application form.

### **What Do I Need To Include With My Scholarship Application?**

The applications must be completed. Applications will not be accepted unless completed in full and submitted by April 10. Applicant must sign the application form.

North American Rail Shipper Association Scholarships Require The Following Information:

1. Academic Transcript
2. List of extracurricular activities, including work related transportation activity, if any.
3. Personal statement
4. Letter of recommendation from a college/university professor or counselor
5. A completed application

### **How Are Recipients Selected?**

Scholarship recipients will be chosen from the students who make application to the Awards Committee of the North American Rail Shippers Association before the deadline. Scholarship recipients will be selected according to merit on a competitive basis. The Awards Committee will choose the recipients by evaluating each eligible student's self-description and academic transcript.

### **What is the Amount of the Scholarship?**

The scholarship stipend is a one-time disbursement of \$500.00 or \$1,000.00. Funds will be disbursed to the college of the recipient's choice.

### **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 Canada, Mexico or the United States, which is fully accredited by its regional accrediting commission on higher education. 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 North American Rail Shippers Association (NARS) handles all phases of the process, including selection of recipients and payment of stipends. NARS Officers comprise the Awards (Selection) Committee.

### **Who can answer Scholarship questions?**

You may contact the Awards Coordinator, North American Rail Shippers Association, 331-643-3369 or email, [NARS@railshippers.com](mailto:NARS@railshippers.com).