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TO: MCA-Omaha Contractors and IDF Contributors

RE: 2018 McNeil Scholarship Application

This is the twenty-fourth year for the Charles Martin and James Patrick McNeil Scholarship Award. Two, four-year scholarships totaling \$10,000.00 each are being offered to one dependent of a member of Local 464 and one dependent of a signatory contractor or contractor employee.

Enclosed are: 1) An explanation of the rules and requirements for eligibility for the scholarship; 2) An application form; and 3) An Application Checklist to assist you in completing your application. **Please review these items carefully in order to ensure that the Scholarship Selection Committee can consider your application.** Only the enclosed 2018 application form (or copy) will be accepted.

All information must be postmarked (7561 Main Street, Suite 408, Omaha, NE 68127) or e-mailed (michele.mcaomaha@gmail.com) on or before **March 15, 2018**. If you have any questions please call MCA-Omaha at 402.592.3330.

Please distribute this information to all of your employees. This will be the only notice that you will receive.



2018 MCNEIL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Student's Full Name: _____

Permanent Mailing Address: _____

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

E-Mail: _____

High School Attended: _____ Unweighted GPA: _____

College Classes (Credit Hours): _____ Where: _____

Were these Dual Enrollment Classes (circle): Yes No College GPA: _____

College You Are Planning To/ Currently Attend: _____

Intended Major (s): _____

Intended Minor (s): _____

High School/ College Activities: _____

Please attach an essay up to, but not exceeding 500 words (12-point font, double spaced) and include: Why you feel you should be awarded this scholarship, a brief statement of your post-graduation plans, and financial need (optional - how are you planning on paying for college?), plus your word-count. Also include a copy of your ACT or SAT test results, high school transcript and college transcript (if applicable). No additional information (resumes, FAFSA form, letters of recommendation, etc.) will be accepted.

FAILURE TO PROVIDE ANY OF THIS INFORMATION MAY DISQUALIFY YOUR APPLICATION.

Please check one of the blanks below. I am a relative of:

_____ A management employee who is not a member of any Union (signatory contractor).

_____ A member of Steamfitters & Plumbers Local Union #464.

RELATIVE'S NAME: _____ Relationship to applicant: _____

RELATIVE'S ADDRESS: _____

RELATIVE'S PHONE #: _____

RELATIVE'S WORKPLACE: _____

USE ONLY THIS FORM FOR APPLICATION

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2018 McNeil Scholarship Application Checklist

- Application Form with All Blanks Completed
 - You must include an **unweighted** GPA (4.0 Scale). *Applicants not providing an unweighted GPA will be penalized.* A calculation guide has been provided.

- Essay - Not Exceeding 500 Words
 - 12-point font
 - Double Spaced
 - Word count listed on 1st page of the essay

Including:

 - Why should you receive this scholarship?
 - What are your post graduation plans?
 - How do you plan on paying for college? (optional)

- Pre-College Standard Test Results (ACT or SAT)
 - Please blackout all Social Security Numbers

- High School Transcript

- College Transcript (If applicable)

Notice: Essays exceeding 500 words, not in the correct format, or missing a word count will be penalized.

Additional applicant information will not be accepted or considered. This includes: resumes, FAFSA forms, letters of recommendation, photos, etc.

Is your unweighted GPA listed? Does it follow this format?

Unweighted GPA Calculation Guide

$$A+ = 4$$

$$A = 4$$

$$A- = 3.667$$

$$B+ = 3.333$$

$$B = 3$$

$$B- = 2.667$$

$$C+ = 2.333$$

$$C = 2$$

$$C- = 1.667$$

$$D+ = 1.333$$

$$D = 1$$

$$D- = 0.667$$

$$F = 0$$

Convert your letter grades to numbers and add them for each completed semester on your transcript. Then, divide by the number of courses. Do not include pass/fail courses in your calculation.

Example:

A, A, B, B+, B-

$$= 4 + 4 + 3 + 3.333 + 2.667 = 17$$

Divide the total (17) by the 5 courses = 3.4 Unweighted GPA

Failure to provide an unweighted GPA will result in a penalty.

CHARLES MARTIN MCNEIL AND JAMES PATRICK MCNEIL SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

MCA-Omaha and the Steamfitters & Plumbers LU # 464 have established the Charles Martin and James Patrick McNeil Scholarship Program to assist children, dependent stepchildren and grandchildren of members of LU # 464 and employees of contractor members of LU # 464 with their higher education expenses. Members of LU # 464 who are enrolled as full-time students are also eligible.

- **AMOUNT OF GRANTS** – Two, \$10,000.00, four-year scholarships will be awarded for students enrolling as full-time students in the fall of 2018. These awards will be paid in installments of \$1,250 each semester, provided that eligibility requirements are maintained.
- **ELIGIBILITY** – Applicants must be planning to enroll on a full-time basis in any public or non-public, two or four-year degree granting institution in order to be eligible. To continue to receive the grant, students must maintain a 2.8 cumulative grade point average and maintain enrollment as a full - time student.
- **CRITERIA FOR AWARD** – The Selection Committee will consider past academic achievement and future likelihood of success. Students pursuing courses of study that will allow them to contribute to the mechanical contracting industry will be given a preference. The Panel may also consider need in granting the awards.
- **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION** – Applicants must mail completed applications to the Mechanical Contractors Association of Omaha, 7561 Main Street, Suite 408, Omaha, NE, 68127 or e-mail to michele.mcaomaha@gmail.com in order to be considered. Applications must be postmarked or e-mailed on or before Thursday, March 15, 2018.
- **JUDGES** – A selection committee of two contractors, the Business Manager and Financial Secretary of LU # 464, one representative from higher education, and a disinterested party will determine the recipients of the awards. Decisions of the selection committee will be final.
- **AWARDS** – Winners will be announced in April 2018. The initial check will be paid in the Fall of 2018.
- **DEFINITIONS** – Members of LU # 464: Current and retired members in good standing, deceased members. Employers of Members of LU # 464: Contractors signatory to the labor agreement between LU # 464 and MCA-Omaha and their employees who are not members of any labor union.

Please call MCA-Omaha at 402.592.3330 with questions.

**The Charles Martin McNeil and James Patrick McNeil
Scholarship Trust
Establishment and Method of Award**

General

In recognition of the contributions to the Mechanical Industry by Charles Martin McNeil and James Patrick McNeil, members of LU # 464 and employers of members of LU # 464 established The Charles McNeil and James Patrick McNeil Scholarship Trust.

Mission

The Mission of The Charles Martin McNeil and James Patrick McNeil Scholarship Trust is to encourage children, grandchildren and stepchildren who are dependents of members of LU # 464 and employers of members of LU # 464 to continue their education in fields of study related to the mechanical industry. Recognizing the cost of higher education, The Trust will award scholarships to help families with these costs.

The Scholarships

The Trust will award two scholarships each year. One scholarship will be awarded to applicants who are children, grandchildren or stepchildren who are dependents of members of LU # 464. The other scholarship will be awarded to applicants who are children, grandchildren or stepchildren who are dependents of employers of members of LU #464.

Definitions

Members of LU # 464 (Members) – Current members in good standing, retired members in good standing, and deceased members of LU # 464.

Employers of Members of LU # 464 (Employers) – Contractors signatory to the labor agreement between LU # 464 and the Mechanical Contractors Association of Omaha and their employees who are not members of any labor union.

Face Value of a Scholarship – The total amount of funds to be distributed are subject to the terms and conditions of the award.

Solicitation of Applications

Applications will be solicited from Members and Employers as soon after January 1st of each year as practical. Application forms approved by the Trust will be made available for applicants. Only approved forms will be accepted by the Trust. Applications must be returned to the Trust by March 15th of each year to allow time for evaluation prior to the end of the school year.

Selection Process

The Trust will appoint a selection committee consisting of the Business Manager and Financial Secretary of LU # 464, two Employer Members of MCA-Omaha, one member from the higher education community of the State of Nebraska, and a disinterested party. The Executive Vice President of MCA-Omaha will serve as a non-voting member of the committee and shall chair the selection committee. At the conclusion of the selection meeting, all forms and supplementary information shall remain the sole property of the Trust. One copy of each application will remain on file with the Trust for one year.

The names of the two successful applicants will be transmitted to the Trust for award.

The decision of the selection committee shall be final.

Award Criteria

The selection committee shall consider the following criteria in the award of the scholarships:

- Evidence of performance on national standardized tests (ACT or SAT)
- Evidence of past academic performance including certified grade reports and related school activities
- Applicability of student's intended course of study to the mechanical industry
- If offered by the applicant, financial need will be considered.

Award Process

The Trust will transmit a check prior to the beginning of each semester where the student remains qualified. The check will be made payable to the student or the college or university, unless designated otherwise.

Qualification

The student will remain qualified to receive payments as long as he or she is enrolled as a full-time student in a recognized undergraduate program and maintains a cumulative grade point average equal to or greater than 2.80 on a 4.00 basis. Evidence of grade point and enrollment will be transmitted to the Trust within 30 days after completion of a semester.

In the event that the full face value of a scholarship is not awarded, all remaining value will remain in the Trust for future awards.