



Southern California Chapter
Metals Service Center Institute
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2010
Southern California
Scholarship Award

Deadline: April 30, 2010

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Application Checklist

Required Documentation

- Completed Scholarship Application
- Essay
- Recommendation from Teacher or Guidance Counselor
- Transcripts confirming GPA
- Acceptance letter from school, college or university

Strongly recommended but not required

- Recommendation from Community Professional/Civic Group Leader
- Recommendation from Employer

I. Selection Criteria

The MSCI Southern California Chapter (“The Chapter”) has established scholarships for students in the following categories:

- Up to four scholarships, \$2,500 each (includes matching funds from MSCI National) for graduating high school students who have been accepted to a four-year college program or a two-year program with a clear stated intention of completing a four-year degree and has financial need. Each scholarship is payable in one lump sum.

Selection Criteria:

- Applicant must be a child of a full or part-time permanent employee of an MSCI member company: service center (Active), producer (Associate), or goods and services provider (Affiliate). The company must be a member in good standing with local chapter and national dues paid in full. The MSCI member company and the employee’s primary residence or primary office must be in the geographic area that encompasses the Southern California Chapter.
- Previous candidates or recipients of the Award are encouraged to reapply using the attached application submitting the same documentation required. The essay should focus on their accomplishments in the past year and how the scholarship has helped them.
- Chapter scholarship committee members may not hold a position on the selection committee should a relative apply for a scholarship.
- Applicant must plan to attend or already attend an accredited post-secondary institution of higher learning or an accredited trade or vocational school.
- Applicants for both the 4-year and 2-year scholarship program must show evidence of achieving a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA out of a possible 4.0. (Note: provide transcripts showing GPA, ACT/SAT scores, and class ranking.)
- Applicants receiving full scholarship funds from another source are not eligible for this scholarship award.
- Applicants must provide evidence of acceptance to a school for the applicable scholarship.
- Applicants must show evidence of active involvement in both high school and/or community activities.
- Applicants may be asked to participate in a scholarship interview as scheduled by the scholarship committee.
- Applicants must submit a completed MSCI Scholarship Award Application along with the following:
 - A brief essay sharing the applicant's thoughts on what the scholarship award would mean to him/her. Please include achievements and life goals in the essay.
 - Statement of recommendation completed by the applicant's sponsoring teacher or guidance counselor is required.
 - Statements of recommendation by community/ civic group leader or professional and employer are strongly recommended but not required.
- Applicant may be asked for additional information including a statement of financial need (not including tax returns or W-2s).
- All information must be verifiable.
- **ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTATION MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2010.**

II. Distribution Guidelines

Following receipt of the completed application and review by the Chapter scholarship committee, applicants chosen will receive the scholarship distribution under the following terms and conditions:

- A student **MUST** be enrolled as a full-time student. Full time is defined as a minimum of 12 credit hours per semester.
- Scholarship for the four-year degree programs or two-year degree program: \$2,500 over a period of one year, payable in one lump sum.
- Scholarship checks will be made jointly payable to the student and to the school being attended.
- If the applicant is a previous recipient of this award, additional annual awards will be subject to the following conditions:
 1. Receipt of prior year grade transcripts showing a cumulative minimum 3.0 out of a possible 4.0.
 2. Statement from the school that student is in good standing and is enrolled for the next academic year.
 3. The company of the parent or guardian continues to be a member of MSCI in good standing with all national and chapter dues paid in full. The parent or legal guardian of recipient must continue to be employed by an MSCI member company – Active, Associate or Affiliate. In the event, the parent or legal guardian *involuntarily* ceases employment with an MSCI member company; the scholarship award may be amended based on MSCI's national support and chapter discretion.
 4. In the event that an award recipient transfers or changes school while the scholarship is pending, MSCI and its chapter reserve the right to require another scholarship application and acceptance letter from the new University for the recipient for ongoing funding.
 5. In the event that a scholarship student falls below the required 3.0 cumulative GPA his or her check for the next semester will be held by MSCI. In the event the scholarship student brings their semester GPA back **ABOVE** the required minimum in the next semester, the scholarship student shall receive the check that was held by MSCI.
 6. Student and guardian will attend and accept award at the dinner scheduled for June 8, 2010.
- The applicant and parent/guardian agree that the MSCI and its chapters reserve the right to issue press releases and/or other means of general publicity for the MSCI scholarship awards. Only general information will be released such as recipient names, parent name, member company name and location, award amount, and the school applicant is attending.
- In the event that any of the above conditions are not met, MSCI reserves the right to cease providing matching funds to the MSCI Chapter Scholarship recipient.

III. Notices and Disclaimers

All applicants and their parents and guardians are hereby put on notice of and hereby acknowledge and agree to the following:

1. The Chapter reserves the right to award whatever number or no scholarships as it determines in its sole discretion, regardless of whether the Chapter receives multiple applications that satisfy the selection criteria and distribution guidelines.
2. While the Chapter's intention is to grant Scholarships in the number and amounts stated in this application package, actual amounts are subject to the availability of funds and The Chapter may reduce scholarship amounts between the date of application and award in its sole discretion.
3. Even if a scholarship is awarded to a recipient, the actual funding of scholarships is subject to the availability of funds on the date of funding.
4. The grant of a scholarship in one year does not entitle a recipient to receive a scholarship the subsequent year, even if the recipient satisfies all selection criteria and distribution guidelines.
5. Neither the Chapter nor the Committee considers race, gender, ethnicity or religious affiliation in making scholarship award, renewal or funding decisions.
6. Subject to item 5 above, The Chapter and the Committee reserve the right to change award criteria at any time and from time to time and/or to consider additional award criteria at any time and from time to time and/or to consider additional award criteria not set forth in the application package, in either case, without further notice to MSCCI member companies, parents or guardians or applicants.



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IV. Application

Applicant Contact Information (Type or print clearly)			
Full Name		Address	
City/State/Zip		Home Phone	
Cell Phone		Email	
Parent Contact Information (Type or print clearly)			
Father's Name		Father's Occupation	
Father's Company		Father's Phone No.	
Mother's Name		Mother's Occupation	
Mother's Company		Mother's Phone No.	
MSCI Member Co.		Member Co. City/State	
School Information (Type or print clearly)			
Current School:		GPA (scale: 4= A)	
Sponsoring Teacher or Guidance Counselor:			
Have you been approved for Financial Aid?		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Amount: \$
List other financial aid or scholarships:			
List schools where you have been accepted:			
Please check one of the following:		<input type="checkbox"/> 4-Year college <input type="checkbox"/> 2-Year college/technical school	
School you plan to attend:			
School Address:			
Starting Date:		Major:	
How many years does your program require?			
Extracurricular Activities (Type or print clearly)			
List school, community, civic or church related activities			
Activity Name	Office Held/Special Recognition	Years Involved	
What special talents or interests do you have:			
Signature (Required) (Type or print clearly)			
Applicant Signature*:			
Parent/Guardian Signature*:			
Date:			

*By signature above, both applicant and parent authorize the MSCI to issue press releases, pictures and/or means of general publicity for The MSCI Southern California Chapter Scholarship Award. Only general information will be released such as names, scholarship amount and name of attending school. Mail, fax or e-mail to MSCI Southern California Chapter Scholarship, 4201 Euclid Ave., Rolling Meadows, IL 60008, Fax: 847/485-3026 or 847/485-3001, mscischolarships@msci.org. Deadline: April 30, 2010



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V. Statement of Recommendation

Sponsoring Teacher or Guidance Counselor
(Required)

Type or Print Clearly

Applicant's name:			
Home phone number:			
MSCI member company & employee parent name:			
Work telephone number:			
<i>The applicant listed above is being asked to provide statements of recommendation from a sponsoring teacher or guidance counselor who has invested time and/or resources on their behalf. Please be assured that your responses will be held in strict confidence and will be used for the purpose of the scholarship award committee. Thank you.</i>			
Criteria	Excellent	Good	Average
Cooperation			
Drive/determination			
Emotional Stability			
Initiative			
Integrity			
Leadership			
Peer Relations			
Responsibility			
Reputation			
Self-discipline			
Social maturity			
Willingness to accept instruction			
Additional comments: <i>(We encourage you to submit a separate letter of recommendation)</i>			
Signature:			
Institution Name:			
Telephone Number:			
Date:			

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VI. Statement of Recommendation

Community/Civic Group Leader or Professional
 (Optional)

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Home phone number:			
MSCI member company & employee parent name:			
Work telephone number:			
<i>The applicant listed above is being asked to provide statements of recommendation from a Community/Civic Group Leader of Professional who has invested time and/or resources on their behalf. Please be assured that your responses will be held in strict confidence and will be used for the purpose of the scholarship award committee. Thank you.</i>			
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Drive/determination			
Emotional Stability			
Initiative			
Integrity			
Leadership			
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Responsibility			
Reputation			
Self-discipline			
Social maturity			
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Employer
 (Optional)

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Applicant's name:			
Home phone number:			
MSCI member company & employee parent name:			
Work telephone number:			
<i>The applicant listed above is being asked to provide statements of recommendation from an Employer who has invested time and/or resources on their behalf. Please be assured that your responses will be held in strict confidence and will be used for the purpose of the scholarship award committee. Thank you.</i>			
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Drive/determination			
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VIII. Important Additional Information

The scholarship applications are received by MSCI National offices in Chicago and are de-identified so that the Committee members reviewing the applications are not aware of the identity of neither the student/parent nor the MSCI member company employers. This assures that the selection is unbiased and is a result of the information provided by the student in the essay and supporting documents.

This scholarship is made possible by those MSCI Southern California Chapter member companies' participation at chapter events and annual golf outing.

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