



NEW ENGLAND REGIONAL COUNCIL OF CARPENTERS 2016 SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY

1. Members in good standing and dependent children of members in good standing from any Local of the Council are eligible to apply. Grandchildren are eligible only if the grandparent is the legal guardian of the student. Children who are not legal dependents of a member are not eligible. Children of members who died within five years prior to January 1, 2016 are eligible.
 2. Applicants must be enrolled in a post high school program.
 3. College level programs must consist of at least three courses of three credits each.
 4. Courses in technical or specialty schools such as automotive training, computer training, etc. can qualify if the program is at least six months in duration, is full-time, and awards a certificate or diploma upon completion.
 5. Students must have a "C" average to apply.
 6. Students can apply for a scholarship each year throughout their undergraduate years (not to exceed four years). The Committee will have the final say as to a particular student's eligibility.
 7. Graduate students and students working toward a second bachelor's degree are not eligible.
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APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants will be required to write an essay of between 500 and 1000 words on the following topic:

Over the past 30 years, the U.S. has entered into Free Trade agreements with numerous countries. Now the Obama administration has proposed the new Pacific trade and investment deal, the Trans Pacific Partnership. Discuss the pros and cons of this and past free trade agreements. Are they beneficial to the U.S. economy? What is the impact of this agreement on American jobs, and the wages of American workers?

Applicants may submit their completed application (application, essay, proof of enrollment, and transcript) via email to Malerie Anderson, manderson@nercc.org; or mailed to NERCC Scholarship, ATTN: Malerie Anderson, 750 Dorchester Ave., Boston, MA 02125. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 8, 2016. Anything received after this time will not be accepted.

Note: Essays that do not meet the word count criteria will be disqualified. If you use outside references or sources please cite them.

To eliminate bias, the scholarship committee is blind to the identity of the applicant. Essays are numerically coded to prevent any reader from having knowledge of the writer. Winners of the top two prizes will be asked to read their essays at the June 2016 delegate meeting. Persons awarded first or second place in a prior year are ineligible for first or second place in subsequent years.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- Application
 - School Transcript
 - Proof of college acceptance or proof of current student enrollment
 - Scholarship Essay
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