

Carolina Star Safety Conference & Choate Construction Scholarship

PURPOSE: To assist university and college students in obtaining a graduate or undergraduate degree in occupational safety, health, and environmental fields from a properly accredited institution.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

A Committee/Carolina Star Safety Conference Board of Directors shall administer the scholarship and associated funds including coordination with accredited educational facilities. The committee will review and present to the Board of Directors of their top picks and the Board will make a final vote.

FUNDING

The quantity and value of awards will be determined annually by the Board of Directors based on available funding. The Board reserves the right to award multiple recipients or divide the total scholarship amount among qualified applicants.

The dollar amount for the scholarships is to be approved each year by vote from Board members in good standing based on the by-laws of the Board.

The Awards shall be applied only to laboratory fees, tuition, textbooks, and other related fees associated with the student's educational expenses. These expenses will be reviewed, approved, and paid by the accredited institution and may be monitored by the Carolina Star Safety Conference Board.

The Awards shall be made payable to the accredited institution and be applied to approved educational expenses as outlined above.

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIP CANDIDATES

The candidate must be a US citizen or legal resident and a North Carolina resident that is paying tuition and have at least one semester of study remaining before completion of their occupational safety, health, and environmental studies program.

Applicants must be employed at a Carolina Star, Rising Star, Building Star, or Public Sector Star site in North Carolina in good standing, OR the spouse, child, or grandchild of an employee at such a site.

The candidate must maintain a 3.0/4.0 or higher overall GPA as an undergraduate student or a 3.5/4.0 or higher GPA in graduate occupational safety, health, and environmental coursework. The undergraduate grade point average must include all grades. Official transcripts from all institutions attended shall be included with the submission. A letter from the candidate's advisor on university letterhead must confirm the students overall grade point average for all college credits.

The candidate must be a student accepted into an occupational safety, health, and environmental curriculum at an accredited institution of higher learning. A full-time undergraduate student must carry at least 12 credit hours per semester or 24 credit hours per year; a graduate student must carry at least 6 credit hours per semester or 12 credit hours per year. Priority will be given to full time students; however, scholarships may be available for part time students studying occupational safety, health, and environmental fields. Part time undergraduate and graduate students must carry 6 and 3 credit per semester hours respectively and indicate the occupational safety, health, and environmental fields courses they are currently pursuing.

Students that have received prior Scholarships may reapply if they have at least one more semester of study remaining.

The Carolina Star Safety Conference LLC and Choate Construction Company Scholarship Program is committed to providing equal opportunity in the administration of its scholarship program and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, or any other protected status applicable under law.

SELECTION OF RECIPIENTS

Applicants that meet the minimum requirements and submit a complete application by the appropriate deadline will be considered and evaluated based on academic achievement, leadership involvement, commitment to safety profession, quality of written responses, and community service. Applications or supporting documentation received after the June 30th deadline will not be considered.

Submission of an application by the student does not assure or guarantee an award. The Committee will consider and weigh all aspects of the applicant's submission.

RECIPIENT'S OBLIGATIONS

During the funding period, recipients are strongly encouraged to attend the Carolina Star Safety Conference as a guest of the Board and may be asked to participate in recognition activities.

PUBLICITY

Announcement of the Scholarship will be communicated through various means.

Examples include appropriate newsletters and journals, bulletins, news releases, direct contact with the educational institutions and through the Carolina Star Conference web site, as well as Choate Construction marketing.

SCHOLARSHIP and EDUCATIONAL GRANT TIMELINE

April through June – Application acceptance period. Electronic "online" submissions ONLY.

June 30th – Deadline (dated by the delivery method) for the submission of fully completed application packages to the Carolina Star Safety Conference & Choate Construction Scholarship. Documentation received beyond the above stated deadline will not be considered.

July through August – Carolina Star Scholarship Committee reviews submitted scholarships.

September – Scholarship recipients notified and announcement made at the conference. Scholarship funds shall be forwarded to the institutions with instructions for disbursement as soon as practicable following notification.

LIABILITY

The Carolina Star Safety Conference LLC and Choate Construction Company shall not be responsible for any accident, illness, injury, loss, or damages incurred by applicants or recipients in connection with participation in scholarship-related activities, including attendance at the Carolina Star Safety Conference. The Carolina Star Safety Conference LLC and Choate Construction Company reserve the right to modify, suspend, or discontinue the scholarship program at any time based on funding availability, organizational changes, or other unforeseen circumstances.

Carolina Star Safety Conference and Choate Construction Company scholarship application

Date _____

Overall Grade Point Average (GPA) for all college or High School courses:

_____.

(include ALL colleges and universities attended) Transfer students must provide all transcripts from all institutions attended. Transfer credit hours without grades and honor points is insufficient.

Documentation received after the submission deadline will not be considered and may jeopardize your application.

Name _____

Your current address

_____ City _____ Zip _____

*Home (Parent's)

address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone (Parent's home) _____ (Your mobile) _____ E-mail _____

**Please use an address that is viable through next April.*

Institution now attending: _____

Major and minor: _____

Other colleges and universities attended and dates of attendance:

Major and minor: _____

Anticipated date of graduation from current institution: _____

Please provide three letters of recommendation: One must be from a School teacher/college professor or advisor.

Examples of others are as follows:

1. Individuals or leaders from health, safety or environmental organizations/background, i.e. ASSP, AIHA or CHMM;
2. Internship supervisors
3. Leaders of community or civic organizations.

Letters of recommendation are needed to assist the Board in determining scholarship. Please list contact information for your selected references below and attach original signed letters electronically with your submission package. Be sure to request these letters well in advance so that they are received by the June 30th deadline. Letters received after June 30th will not be considered.

Name: _____ Position: _____

Address: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

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Include an official high school or university transcript from ALL schools and universities attended with your application. A personal interview may be requested.

Name of Company in the Star program and relationship to that individual. _____

Required Items

- Completed application form
- Official transcripts (ALL institutions)
- Three letters of recommendation
- Essay responses (5 questions, 300-500 words each)
- Proof of Carolina Star affiliation (employment or relationship)
- Incomplete applications are not considered.

APPLICANT'S SUBMISSIONS

On separate sheets for each question, please answer all five of the following questions:

1. Please describe the person, event(s) or other factors that convinced you to pursue occupational and environmental health and safety as your personal career choice.
2. Is it important for an occupational and environmental health and safety professional to have clear and well defined personal and professional ethics. Please provide examples and clearly and concisely explain your thoughts regarding personal and professional ethics.
3. What do you expect to be doing and where do you expect to be five years following graduation from your academic institution? Please describe your post college/university studies five-year plan.
4. Please select one of the two scenarios (a or b) shown below and provide your written response:
 - a: You are a recent university graduate with approximately 3 months of occupational health and safety (OSH) experience at XYZ Company. You replaced the Company's last OSH professional following their retirement. While walking through the plant you observe a 30-year veteran skilled trade's millwright working at the 5-foot level of a power press performing an imminently needed maintenance task while not utilizing fall protection. Describe what you would do to eliminate the hazard in this situation.
 - b: As your Company's new industrial hygienist you have been asked to evaluate an employee's exposure to a chemical hazard. The allowable time weighted average occupational exposure limit for the chemical hazard is 50 ppm. You collected four equal length breathing zone air samples comprising the full daily shift of the worker. Results are as follows: 30ppm, 42ppm, 43ppm, and

46ppm. Please calculate the employee's exposure level and describe and explain your conclusions regarding this exposure (for example "in compliance or out of compliance" or "insufficient data" to make a proper conclusion,) and why you have reached this conclusion. Please specify the guidance you would provide to your new employer. Use OSHA guidelines and requirements where applicable.

5. Please fully describe an example(s) of volunteer service that you have provided to your community, your school, your church, or other institution or organization. Please be sure to describe the primary benefactors from this kind of service?

Please attach all question responses to your submission package. Your response to each question must be at least 300 words, but no more than 500 words. Scholarship and grant recipients will usually be notified in September. Presentation of certificates will be made at the Carolina Star Safety Conference in September.

Submitted materials become part of the scholarship review record and may be retained for administrative purposes by the Carolina Star Safety Conference Scholarship Committee.

COMPLETE APPLICATION AND SUBMIT REQUESTED MATERIALS TO:

Applicants shall make all submissions electronically (online) through the Carolina Star Safety Conference Scholarship application portal. Official transcripts will be uploaded with the application. "Hard copy" applications are not accepted.