

Dear ORA/NARI Scholarship Applicant:

Our scholarship fund was established in 2003 by the contractors and suppliers belonging to the Oregon Remodelers Association/NARI in order to help support the college careers of students who wish to pursue careers in residential remodeling and light construction. Our scholarships will be awarded for the Fall Term of 2007. We hope to welcome focused and conscientious students like you to the remodeling industry of tomorrow. We want to recognize your accomplishments, your past successes, and help you succeed in the future.

Please complete and review the attached application. Our scholarships are entirely merit-based. Keep a copy of your application for your records. The Selection Committee will notify recipients of scholarships by June 22nd, 2007.

We thank you for considering our scholarship. We wish you the best of luck!

Yours sincerely

Philip R. Peach
Executive Director

Encl: Application Form

The ORA Remodeling Scholarship

This Scholarship Fund was established in 2003 by the Oregon Remodelers Association (the Oregon state chapter of NARI, the National Association of the Remodeling Industry) to help support the educations of individuals who wish to pursue a career in the remodeling industry.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for awards must be U.S. citizens (or eligible non-citizens), Oregon residents and second year college students (or credit equivalent) at Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College or Clackamas Community College. They must be enrolled in a fulltime course of study in one of the following major fields of study: Architectural Engineering Technology, Building Inspection, or the Building Construction Management Program.

ELIGIBLE INSTITUTIONS

These include Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College and Clackamas Community College.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications will be available at the Portland Community College, Mt. Hood Community College and Clackamas Community College financial aid offices. The financial aid office must receive all materials related to the application by May 31st, 2007.

SELECTION

The Education Committee of the Portland chapter of the Oregon Remodelers Association shall select the scholarship recipients. For selection purposes, applicants shall be ranked by the application requirements as listed on the application. The applicant(s) with the highest ranking will be awarded the scholarship(s).

AMOUNT OF AWARD

The amount of the annual award shall be fixed each year by the donor depending upon the earnings of the fund and changes in education costs. Two \$750 scholarships will be awarded for Fall Term 2007.

AWARD NOTIFICATION

The committee shall send to the recipients a notice of award specifying the terms of the award. Recipients shall sign and return one copy of the award notice, acknowledging the terms and certifying that the funds will be used only for educational purposes.

FUND MANAGEMENT

All interest from the Fund will be returned to the Fund and be used only for scholarships and administrative expenses.

DISBURSEMENTS

Checks payable to the recipients and their school of enrollment will be drawn from the Fund and sent to the financial aid office of the college of attendance.

CREDIT HOUR REQUIREMENTS

Scholars must maintain a full time student status during the scholarship term.

ADMINISTRATION

The Education Committee of the Portland Chapter of the Oregon Remodelers Association shall be responsible for the disbursement of scholarship funds to recipients according to the rules set forth above. The committee shall maintain a complete and accurate record of the scholarships awarded. Administrative charges by the college shall not exceed 10% of the total amount of scholarships awarded annually.

FALL 2007 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Application Deadline: May 31st, 2007

2 - \$750.00 Awards

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS,

- You must be a U.S. Citizen or a legal permanent resident (with permanent resident card)
- You must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- You must be enrolled in a full-time (or credit equivalent) course, of study at one of the Portland Community College campuses, Mount Hood Community College in a relevant program such as Building Construction Technology, the Building Construction Management Program., or in Mt. Hood Community College's Architectural Engineering Technology Program or in a relevant program at Clackamas Community College.
- You must be a second year student.

SELECTION CRITERIA & INSTRUCTIONS

Please submit the following with your application

TRANSCRIPTS

Please include your complete transcript(s) including your previous and most recent college course work as follows:

- If your transcript does not include a total cumulative GPA, have a college advisor or registrar confirm your cumulative GPA on a 4-point scale, on school letterhead with their signature and include this certification with your transcripts.
- Please note that incomplete transcripts will disqualify your application.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

Please include two current letters of recommendation, titled "Letters of Recommendation" on college letterhead from your college professors or college advisors who can discuss your:

- Current academic status
- Academic and extracurricular achievements
- Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership and commitment
- Potential for future success and potential contribution to your community

ESSAY (Typed, up to two pages)

Explain your interest in becoming a member of the remodeling industry. What, in your background/experiences, led you to consider becoming a remodeling professional? Explain why you feel you are the best candidate for this award.

ELIGIBILITY QUESTIONS (Please check boxes):

- 1) Do you have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale? Yes No
- 2) Have you completed a full year (or credit equivalent) in your program? Yes No
- 3) Will you be attending PCC, MHCC or CCC for the full academic year? Yes No
- 4) Social Security #: _____
- 5) Name: First: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last: _____

6) Mailing Address: Number & Street: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Apt: _____

7) Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

8) Permanent Address (if same, write SAME): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Apt: _____

9) Phone: _____

10) Date of Birth: Month: _____ Year: _____

11) Are you a United States Citizen? Yes No
If not, do you have a Permanent Resident Card? Yes No

A copy of your Permanent Resident Card, or passport stamped I-551 is required if you are NOT a U.S. Citizen.

12) Did either of your parents attend college? Yes No

13) Have you transferred from a University or another Community College? Yes No

If so, please list the name of the school: _____

14) College for 2007-2008 academic year:

College: _____ Campus: _____

City & State: _____

15) Declared or expected major: _____

16) Career Goal: _____

17) Expected Graduation: Month: _____ Year: _____

18) Degrees already earned: AA BA/S M PHD

19) Expected final degree: AA BA/S M PHD

20) Total units (credits) earned to date: _____

21) Are you a FULL-TIME (or credit equivalent) student for the academic year? Yes No
A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale must be maintained throughout scholarship year.

Number of Units (credit hours):

Fall 2007 _____ Winter 2007 _____ Spring 2008 _____

Number of Classes:

Fall 2007 _____ Winter 2007 _____ Spring 2008 _____

22) What were your grades in the required writing courses? (Please provide name of course and grade.)

23) What were your grades in the required Math courses? (Please provide name of course and grade.)

24) List community service for the past 2 years.

CERTIFICATION

Student must read and SIGN BELOW to be eligible for consideration.

- I give my college consent to release to the ORA Education Committee all information pertaining to this application including my GPA, enrollment, and contact information.
- I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship granted.
- I certify that I will be a full-time (or credit equivalent) student for the 2007-2008 academic year.
- I understand that a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale must be maintained throughout the scholarship term.
- I certify that I am a U.S. Citizen or legal permanent resident.
- I understand that I must immediately notify the Financial Aid Department of any changes in my academic status.
- I understand that all award decisions and notifications are final and that exceptions cannot be made.
- I understand that application materials become the property of the ORA and cannot be returned.
- I understand that funds not cashed or deposited in six months will revert back to the fund.
- I understand that my incomplete or late application will result in my ineligibility and that exceptions cannot be made.
- I understand that I must reapply each term with no guarantee of renewal.
- I certify that I have read this application and accept all of its conditions.

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS TO EXPEDITE PROCESSING:

- o Make sure that your application is complete and legible. Did you answer all questions? Did you print neatly?
- o You must submit all items below, with your application to ensure that your materials are received on time.
 - o Transcripts
 - o Letters of Recommendation
 - o Copy of Permanent Resident Card (if applicable)
 - o Essay
- o Make sure that your application is signed and that you have included pages 3-6 of this application.
- o Please write your last name on the top right corner of each page of writing you submit.
- o Submit all documents on white 8 1/2"x11 paper (except for official transcripts or recommendations on letterhead).
- o Applicants may add a maximum of ONE EXTRA PAGE to their applications for any additional information which might help us evaluate their application.
- o The application period begins; **SUBMIT** your completed application to Financial Aid Departments of PCC, MHCC or CCC by May 31st.

Award notification will be sent to your mailing address in June. No pre-award notices can be made. Please report any changes in your contact information promptly to your Financial Aid Office. Thank you for applying for our scholarships-- we wish you success!

For further information contact your program director at PCC, MHCC or CCC.

