



## College of Fellows



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### ***COLLEGE OF FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM***

#### **Statement of Mission:**

The SMACNA College of Fellows [COF] Scholarship Program mission is to identify and recognize academically talented youth and potential future leaders within the SMACNA extended family and to provide them an opportunity to further their education and develop their talents as future leaders and positive contributors to society. *The Primary Goal* of the COF Scholarship fund is to provide scholarships to SMACNA member contractors, employees of SMACNA member contractors, SMACNA chapter executives, National SMACNA employees, SMACNA Associate Members, and members of the families of all of these groups who are participating in undergraduate studies in accredited institutions of higher education. *The Secondary Goal* is to create a sense of community and support among the elements of the SMACNA extended family by working toward a common goal -- furthering the education of individual members of the family.

#### **Strategic Initiatives:**

1. To support an environment for continuous learning and inquiry;
2. To provide opportunity for the advancement and dissemination of knowledge;
3. To create an environment which promotes respect, creativity, and recognition of academically talented students;
4. To establish and maintain a program to advance our mission; and
5. To maximize and efficiently utilize available resources to achieve our mission.

#### **Values:**

1. To provide financial assistance for the discovery, interpretation, and dissemination of new knowledge that promotes leadership development and personal growth;
2. To engender respect, compassion and caring in assisting with the academic growth and development of the members of the SMACNA extended family;
3. To carry out our mission and objectives with integrity and the highest moral standards; and
4. To use the resources of the COF Scholarship Foundation wisely.

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**Eligibility:**

All scholarships are open to students seeking to further their education by attending an accredited four-year university or college. The applicant may pursue any course of study, however it is hoped that a career in a field related to the sheet metal industry will be considered.

**SMACNA & College of Fellows Scholarships**

Applicants must be a SMACNA contractor, employee of a SMACNA contractor, SMACNA Fellow, employee of a SMACNA chapter, employee of SMACNA National, SMACNA National Associate Member, or a family member of any of the aforementioned. The scholarships are open to students entering their first year as well as current undergraduate students.

**Marty & Vic Comforte Endowed Scholarship**

Applicants must be affiliated with members of SMACNA Chicago

**Richard DeBrine Endowed Scholarship**

Applicants must be affiliated with members of California Bay Area SMACNA Chapter

**Florida Endowed Scholarship**

Applicants must be affiliated with members of Florida SMACNA Inc.

**Robert Harris Endowed Scholarship**

Applicants must be affiliated with members of Georgia SMACNA, Inc.

**Northern New Jersey Endowed Scholarship**

Applicants must be affiliated with members of SMC of Northern New Jersey

**Ernest R. Menold Philadelphia Endowed Scholarship**

Applicants must be affiliated with members of SMCA of Philadelphia and Vicinity

**J. B. Rodgers Endowed Scholarship**

Applicants must be affiliated with members of SMACNA Arizona

*Note:* College/SMACNA Scholarships – five 4-year scholarships available each year. SMACNA scholarship is for \$2,000 per year.

Ernest R. Menold Philadelphia Endowment – a 1-year scholarship available each year.

All other endowments – a 4-year scholarship available every four years.

**Criteria for Award of a COF Scholarship:**

1. Academic excellence;
2. Stated academic goals;
3. Involvement in extra-curricular activities;
4. Demonstrated community involvement;
5. Demonstrated leadership ability;
6. Being of good character;
7. Financial need is *not* a primary factor.

**COF Scholarship Awards:**

College of Fellows and Endowed scholarships will be in the amount of \$3,000 per academic year not to exceed \$12,000 for four years of undergraduate study. A SMACNA scholarship is also offered at \$2,000 per year not to exceed \$8,000 for four years of undergraduate study. Selection is based on educational goals as stated by the applicants, academic achievement, and involvement in school related extra-curricular and community activities. Applicant must have demonstrated leadership potential and be of good character. Financial need is not a prerequisite.

**Application Process:**

To apply for a SMACNA College of Fellows Scholarship, including applicable endowed scholarships, the following procedures are required.

1. Applications are to be completed online at [http://www.smacna.org/pdf/2010\\_COF\\_Scholarship\\_Application.pdf](http://www.smacna.org/pdf/2010_COF_Scholarship_Application.pdf)
2. Once you have entered your information in the online form, print out a copy and submit it and all supporting documentation to  
SMACNA College of Fellows  
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Chantilly, Virginia 20151-1219.

The data you entered is not saved on the Web site; if you wish to retain a copy for your files simply copy the completed printed form and/or for an electronic copy save the completed form as a separate file on your computer or other storage media.

3. **Only typed and printed applications will be accepted for consideration; hand written applications will be rejected.**
4. Applications missing required supporting documentation will be rejected.
5. Applications for scholarships must be postmarked by March 31.

Applications must be accompanied by –

- An essay on the applicants goals, explaining how the applicant hopes to achieve the goals and why he/she would like to acquire the COF Scholarship.
- High School transcripts [if already an undergraduate, high school transcripts plus college transcripts].
- Three [3] letters of recommendation from community leaders [city council member, minister, school board member, local governmental official, etc.]. Letters not accompanying the application should be sent to the address above and clearly indicate the name of the applicant supported.
- College aptitude scores.
- Indication of acceptance at an accredited four year university or college [if not available, submit it when it becomes available].

Applications are evaluated and candidates selected by a scholarship committee appointed by the College of Fellows.

Notification of awards are made by July 1.

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