

2017 Connie Sumara Memorial Scholarship Application Form

Eligibility Requirements

1. The applicant must be:
 - an individual member of the LRIW
 - **or** be employed by a corporate member of the LRIW
 - **or** be the **dependent** son, daughter, stepchild, grandson or granddaughter of a rail industry employee who is a member of LRIW in good standing or who is employed by a current corporate member.
2. LRIW member applicants must be enrolled as part-time students (6 hours per spring and fall semester) and have worked for a railroad-affiliated company for at least twelve months.
3. Dependent applicants must be enrolled as full-time students (12 hours per spring and fall semester).
4. All applicants must be currently enrolled at an accredited / post-secondary institution leading to Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's Degree. The curriculum must be certified by an accepted accreditation board in the United States.
 - Applicants from Canada or outside the U.S. should be enrolled in a curriculum which has comparable accreditation.
 - The field of study does not have to be transportation or railroad-related.
5. The applicant must expect to achieve at least Sophomore Status (30 + credit hours) in his/her institution by the start of the fall 2017 term.
 - High school students are not eligible for this scholarship even with college credit hours.

Amount of Award

This year we will award our annual **\$5,000 Connie Sumara Memorial Scholarship** to one lucky recipient. The funds will be paid at the beginning of the school term following the applicant's selection and after receiving proof of enrollment. Distribution of funds will be administered by the LRIW Scholarship Chair and disbursed to the suitable official of the recipient's institution.

Note: The LRIW Scholarship Committee reserves the right to not distribute funds if there are no suitable scholarship applicants and/or to award the scholarship to a dependent if there are no suitable scholarship applicants from members.

A Completed Application Will Consist of

- A. A completed 2017 Connie Sumara Memorial Scholarship application form.
- B. A professional resume that contains work experience, education information, community service, involvement in organizations, and any other information the applicant feels appropriate.
- C. A certified college transcript from the school or schools attended which includes college-level work completed through December 31, 2016 plus courses in which currently enrolled to verify the applicant's full-time / part-time status. Transcripts printed from a website are not admissible.

D. An essay not exceeding 500 words. The essay topic is listed below.

Applying for this scholarship is possible because of your connection to the industry. Please discuss what you have learned about railroading via that connection and highlight anything in particular that you were surprised to learn about the industry.

E. A letter of recommendation from a faculty member at the school in which the applicant is currently enrolled or from another member of LRIW other than the applicant's parent/guardian. The letter must be sent separately and on company/school letterhead.

Note: Scholarship finalists may be contacted for a telephone interview, which could be a factor in determination of the final winner.

Application Process

To apply for this scholarship, materials listed below must be sent to the LRIW Scholarship Committee along with the scholarship application. Please mail all items together, except for the letter of recommendation and official transcript.

Mail materials to: Kathy Keeney, LRIW Scholarship, c/o ASLRRRA, 50 F Street, NW, Suite 7020, Washington, D.C. 20001.

Deadline for Applying

The above material, except item C, must be submitted in one envelope and received by Kathy Keeney no later than **July 14, 2017**. The letters of recommendation must also be received separately by July 14, 2017 in order to have your application considered.

Evaluation and Notification

The Scholarship Committee will base its evaluation for award on the material submitted, and a telephone interview, if required. The scholarship recipient will be notified by August 15, with distribution of funds to begin no later than the start of the spring 2018 semester.

- Criteria for selection and award of scholarship will be based on the following:
Academic Achievement (40%) / Essay (20%) / Citizenship & Letter of Recommendation (40%)

If you have questions about the application process contact Kathy Keeney, LRIW Scholarship Chair, at kkeeney@aslrra.org or (202) 585-3439.



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1. Check the appropriate box to indicate your affiliation to LRIW

(Note: *applicants must be in good standing with LRIW membership*)

- LRIW Corporate Member
- LRIW Individual Member
- Dependent of Individual Member or Corporate Member (must fill out #3)

2. Applicant's Information

Applicant's Full Name:	
Home Address:	
Home Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Email Address:	
Date of Birth:	

3. Parent/ Legal Guardian Information (if applicable)

Full Name:	
Company Name (Must be associated with LRIW):	
Company Address:	
Phone: Work	Home
Work Email Address:	
Relation to Applicant:	

4. Academic Information

Describe your educational objectives. _____

Name the educational institution where you plan to use your scholarship or award:				
City:			State:	
Toward what degree will you be working, and when do you expect to receive it?				
List any other colleges, university, vocational school, etc. attended, including one in which you are currently enrolled. Arrange in sequence, listing your current institution first. You may attach a second page if necessary.				
College/University/Vocational School & State in which located	Dates of Attendance	Degree	Date Awarded or Expected	Grade Point Average

I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate. In addition, if after receiving the League of Railway Industry Women scholarship I elect to substantially alter my proposed study plan I will immediately inform the LRIW of these changes.

Signature of Applicant

Date

Your complete application, transcripts of scholastic records, resume, essay, must be received by Kathy Keeney, ASLRRRA, 50 F Street, NW, Suite 7020, Washington, D.C. 20001 no later than **July 14, 2017**.

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