



It is the purpose of the scholarship fund to provide annual college scholarships to the children of NPC Members and their employees. The dollar amounts of the scholarships and number granted will be determined by the Scholarship Committee annually, based on the available funds. The range of dollar amounts will be a **minimum of \$500.00 to a maximum of \$5,000.00**. Scholarships will be announced in January of each year and will be awarded at the NPC Conference the following February.



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Eligibility Criterias

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

All applicants must furnish two (2) letters of recommendation. Letters should address the student's scholastic ability, character and worthiness to receive a merit award. Letters should be from the following: a professor or teacher, an employer, or an Advisor from a volunteer or extracurricular activity.

Letters should be sent directly to the National Plasterers Council by the author or, if submitted by the student, in a sealed envelope signed by the author over the seal. All letters must be received **by December 15, 2024**, or the application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

Application and Deadline

All applications and other required materials, including Research Essay, **must be** received at the National Plasterers Council **by the close of business on December 15, 2024** in order to be considered for the upcoming academic year. Applicants who are chosen to receive a scholarship will be notified **no later than February 1, 2025**. One application per applicant is allowed.

Researched Essay or Recorded PowerPoint Presentation Requirements

See the following page.

Scholarship Award Requirements

Applicants must be a legal son or daughter of an employee of a Member Company in good standing (any membership category) of the National Plasterers Council. Applicant must be at least a Senior in High School or no more than a Junior in College or enrolled in a Master's program.

Awarded Scholarships

The Scholarship Committee shall base its awards equally on the following three areas:

- *Scholastic Achievement*
- *Character*
- *Research Paper*

Awards shall be mailed directly to the student for the summer or fall semester of study during the year awarded. Failure to provide proof of registration where you have been accepted **by June 1** of the year awarded may be grounds for forfeiture of the award. Awards are solely the decision of the Scholarship Committee which will be reviewed in a "blind" format so no committee member will be able to identify an applicant. All awards are final.

For more information:

Please contact the National Plasterers Council at 847-416-7272 or email us at mail@npconline.org

The Rey Perales MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Researched Essay or Recorded PowerPoint Presentation Requirements

A researched Essay Paper or recorded PowerPoint presentation in English answering one of the following questions must be submitted in Modern Language Association (MLA) Format. The paper must be **at least 1000 words and no more than 1500 words, or recorded PowerPoint 5-7 minutes in length**. A bibliography (work cited page) must be included but is not included in the overall word count of the paper. Plagiarism is not allowed and is reason for disqualification.

- 1) Building materials and techniques continue to evolve to meet the demands of the market, environmentally influenced policy/funding, and sustainability. What change or changes can be identified in the supply of the building materials industry that has a potential impact on the swimming pool industry, specifically the swimming pool plaster industry? Propose an information campaign to educate the industry on this change and how they should best integrate it into their daily processes.
- 2) Interview three NPC members and analyze their experiences for shared hurdles, successes, and/or current problems. Discuss their commonalities and what a new industry member could learn from these experiences. For problems or hurdles, present what you suggest as a solution.
- 3) What are the key factors contributing to the slowdown in the pool industry? How is the current economic climate impacting this sector, and what measures can be taken to foster improvement?

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Your 2024 Checklist

- Sponsorship secured from Member Company
- Request 1st Letter of Recommendation
- Request 2nd Letter of Recommendation
- Complete Application
- Complete Research Essay or Recorded PowerPoint Presentation
- Submit Application and all documents by close of business, **December 15, 2024**

Deadline Details

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