

Call for Scholarships Deadline February 28, 2016

The Material Handling Education Foundation, Inc. (www.mhefi.net) is an independent charitable organization that was established in 1976 with a mission to promote the study of material handling, logistics and supply chains by exposing students and educators to the industry through financial support. Since 1976, more than \$2.5 million in scholarships and grants have been awarded to students at colleges and universities in the United States and Canada. Forty scholarships were awarded for the 2015/2016 academic term for a total of \$127,150.

The Foundation will once again be offering scholarship award opportunities to students who are committed to studying material handling, supply chain and logistics for the 2016/2017 academic term. Scholarship awards range from \$1,500 to \$9,000 and are made up of funds from the Foundation and the Howard Bernstein Industrial Distribution Scholarship Program. One application allows students to compete for multiple scholarships offered by the Foundation.

Eligible programs of study are:

- Industrial, Mechanical, Manufacturing, Electrical and Civil Engineering
- Engineering Technology
- Industrial Distribution
- Computer Engineering, Computer Science and Business Administration with an emphasis in production management, industrial distribution, supply chain and logistics
- Supply Chain Management

Scholarship eligibility and criteria include:

- Undergraduates who are rising juniors or seniors for the 2016/2017 academic term and enrolled in a four year baccalaureate program
- Graduate students enrolled in a masters or doctorate program
- Students from junior and community colleges or other two year post secondary schools are eligible if the student has completed a minimum of two years of study and has been accepted as a transfer student to a four year program.
- Applicants must be full-time students and have a "B" grade point average in their current degree program.

<u>Instructions to apply for scholarships are as follows:</u>

- If needed, students should have a primary faculty contact to assist in the preparation and review of the scholarship application process.
- Complete the online application at www.mhefi.net. One application allows students to compete for multiple scholarships.
- Three letters of recommendation. Letters may be written by:
 - Primary faculty contact
 - o Another full-time faculty member at current or previous school
 - o A supervisor from an internship, co-op, employer, etc.
 - Other person who may be able to attest to your performance in school or at work

(Letters must be sent to the Foundation directly from the author. Please e-mail letters to <u>dvarner@mhi.org</u> or via regular postal mail to Donna Varner at MHEFI, 8720 Red Oak Blvd., Suite 201, Charlotte, NC 28217.)

- Official transcripts of all academic work completed beyond high school.
 (Official transcripts must be sent to the Foundation directly from the Registrar's office or equivalent office at the school(s). Please mail official transcripts to Donna Varner at MHEFI, 8720 Red Oak Blvd., Suite 201, Charlotte, NC 28217.)
- The online application and all supporting documentation must be received in the Foundation offices by **February 28, 2016**.
- Scholarship awards will be announced by March 31, 2016.

Please forward this information to all of the eligible students in your program and encourage them to apply for scholarships before **February 28, 2016**. We wish all your students the best of luck in the scholarship award process.

Thanks.

Best regards,

Donna Varner
MHEFI Executive Director