Scholarship awards are determined by academic achievement, a student researched essay, and letters of reference. The dollar amounts of the scholarships and number of winners will be determined by the Scholarship Committee annually, based on the available funds. The range of dollar amounts will be a minimum of $500 to a maximum of $5,000. Scholarships are announced in January of each year and will be awarded at the National Plasterers Council Conference the following February. This is one of the great benefits of being an NPC member — your membership dollars help support this very worthy cause.

### SCHOLARSHIP AWARD REQUIREMENTS

The NPC Scholarship Committee awards equally on the following three areas:

1. **Enrolled in college/university or trade school**;
2. **Letters of Recommendation**;
3. **Researched Essay 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 1st of the year awarded may be grounds for forfeiture of the award. Awards are solely the decision of the Scholarship Committee.

Submissions will be reviewed in a “blind” format so no committee member will be able to identify an applicant. All awards are final.

The Board of Directors and the Scholarship Selection Committee will invite first-time award recipients to attend the National Plasterers Council’s Annual Conference to receive his or her award. The member company sponsoring the student is expected to assist the student in their expenses to travel to and from the presentation at the NPC National Conference.

### ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

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. Applicants must be at least a Senior in High School or no more than a Junior in College to apply.

#### • ENROLLED IN COLLEGE / UNIVERSITY / COMMUNITY COLLEGE OR TRADE SCHOOL

#### • 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; 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 31, 2019 or the application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

#### • RESEARCHED ESSAY PAPER

A researched essay paper in English answering one (1) of the two (2) following questions (below) must be submitted in Modern Language Association (MLA) Format. The paper must be at least 1000 words and not more than 1500 words. A bibliography (work cited page) must be included, but is not included in the overall word count of the paper. Plagiarism will result in disqualification. Your essay must be received by December 31, 2019.

**Choose one of two topics:**

1. **How does the environment in your state affect the pool industry?**
2. **Today’s trade employers have a difficult time retaining employees. Reasons range from wage, job satisfaction, benefits, and advancement opportunities. If you were to work in the trades, where would you work and why?**

For more information, please call us at 847.416.7221 or email us at mail@npconline.org

*Please send all applications/required materials before December 31, 2019*

To mail: National Plasterers Council Attention: Scholarship Committee 1000 N. Rand Road, Suite 214, Wauconda, IL 60084 To go online: www.npconline.org/scholarship
**STEP 1: Address Info**

**STUDENT APPLICANT’S PERMANENT ADDRESS**

Full Name of Applicant: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Birth Date: ____________ Street Address (to send information relating to scholarship application): ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Country: ___________________________ Zip/Postal Code: ___________________________

Parent Telephone: ___________________________ Parent Cell Phone: ___________________________

**EDUCATION** (Sophomores/Juniors enrolled in college do not need to complete high school information.)

Name of High School: ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Country: ___________________________ Zip/Postal Code: ___________________________

Phone: ___________________________

**COLLEGE** (If you currently do not have this information, please leave the question blank.)

Name of College (Undergraduate): ___________________________

Address: ___________________________

City: ___________________________ State: ___________________________ Country: ___________________________ Zip/Postal Code: ___________________________

Email: ___________________________

**STEP 2: Additional Applicant Info**

**ESSAY RESEARCH PAPER TOPIC CHOSEN**

**SPONSOR INFORMATION**

Sponsoring NPC Member Company: ___________________________

NPC Membership ID#: ___________________________ I am a dependent of: ☐ Owner ☐ Employee

Parent’s Name: ___________________________

What involvement does your sponsor have with NPC on a local, state and/or national Level?: ___________________________

**ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE APPLICANT** (Please feel free to attach supplemental information)

Extracurricular Activities (Include years of participation and position held, if applicable)

What course of study/career path do you intend to follow?: ___________________________

Are you a past recipient of an NPC Scholarship Fund: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Applicant Signature ___________________________ Parent/Guardian Signature ___________________________

**STEP 3: Return your Entry**

Please send entry form with your supporting materials by December 31, 2019 to:

National Plasterers Council Rey Perales Scholarship

Attention: Scholarship Committee

1000 N. Rand Road, Suite 214

Wauconda, IL 60084

phone 847.416.7221 fax 847.526.3993

email mail@npconline.org

Visit www.npconline.org for additional information.

For your protection, this form will be destroyed after processing your information.

**YOUR CHECKLIST**

☐ Sponsorship secured from Member Company

☐ Request 1st Letter of Recommendation

☐ Request 2nd Letter of Recommendation

☐ Complete Application

☐ Complete Research Essay

(include a print and digital format)

☐ Submit Application and all documents by close of business, December 31, 2019

**DEADLINE DETAILS**

All applications and other required materials must be received at the National Plasterers Council by the close of business on December 31, 2019 in order to be considered for the upcoming academic year. Applicants who are chosen to receive a scholarship will be notified not later than February 1, 2020. One application per applicant is allowed.