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# Equipment Dealers Foundation

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*Annual Scholarship Program Guide*

2019



## PURPOSE

In 1988, the Equipment Dealers Association (EDA) created the Equipment Dealers Foundation (EDF) to assist in creating a pool of qualified, dedicated, long-term employees, who meet and/or exceed the needs of EDA Members. The EDF administers an Annual Scholarship Program that provides financial assistance for advancing the skills and expertise of employees and potential employees of dealer members. Scholarships are available for individual classes, vocational training, associate degrees, bachelor degrees, and post-graduate studies.

## ELIGIBILITY

The EDF Scholarship Program is available to any employee or potential employee of an EDA Member in good standing, subject to the following conditions:

1. Applicants must be sponsored by a dealer principal for training and/or professional advancement. A written letter of recommendation from the sponsoring dealer must be submitted with the application.
2. The sponsoring dealer must provide matching funds up to \$1,000 per applicant.
3. The sponsoring dealer may sponsor one (1) applicant per location and no more than five (5) applicants per dealer group.
4. Applicants must be accepted and/or enrolled in an education curriculum that is approved by the sponsoring dealer principal as training applicable to the needs of the dealership.
5. Accredited college/vocational classes sponsored and/or supported by a manufacturer(s) are eligible for an EDF scholarship. Manufacturer-specific training classes are not eligible for this scholarship.

## ANNUAL AWARD

Each year, the EDF board of directors determines the number and monetary amount of scholarships based on the availability of funds. The EDF board of directors established a scholarship amount of up to \$1,000 per recipient with a matching contribution from the sponsoring dealer making the total scholarship award up to \$2,000. Scholarships will be awarded based on merit of the applicant.

## SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

The scholarship award will be deposited directly into the recipient's school account by the foundation. EDF scholarships may be applied toward the cost of tuition, fees, books, tools, and/or other costs associated with the recipient's ongoing education. Any breach of enrollment or other unsatisfactory performance in the course of the recipient's studies will result in cessation of aid, at which time any remaining EDF scholarship funds must be returned to the foundation.

## SELECTION PROCESS

Completed applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. The Selection Committee is charged with reviewing the applications and determining the scholarship recipients based on criteria established by the EDF board of directors.

## APPLICATION DISTRIBUTION

At the beginning of each calendar year, scholarship guidelines and applications are distributed to EDA Members via mail and/or email. Dealer members have the opportunity to identify appropriate scholarship candidates and distribute applications as needed. As noted previously, a dealer member may sponsor one (1) applicant per location and no more than five (5) per dealership group. Past recipients are eligible to apply for scholarships in subsequent years.

## APPLICATION SUBMISSION

All scholarship applications (including personal statements, transcripts and recommendation letters) must be submitted as a SINGLE document in PDF format. The application can be found at [here](#). Once applications are completed, they should be emailed to [scholarships@equipmentdealer.org](mailto:scholarships@equipmentdealer.org) no later than 5:00 p.m. CST on April 30, 2018. Incomplete and/or late applications will be deemed ineligible. Scholarship recipients and their sponsors will be notified via mail and/or email no later than June 1, 2018.



**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

Name		
Permanent Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number	Email	

**DEALERSHIP INFORMATION**

Dealership Name		
Dealership Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number	Fax Number	
Dealership Contact	Email	

**EDUCATION INFORMATION**

School/Program You Plan to Attend		
School/Program Address		
City	State	Zip
Phone Number	Fax Number	
School Contact	Email	

I am enrolled or will be enrolling in the following type of education program (check all that apply)

Adult Education	
2-Year Association Program	
4-Year Baccalaureate Program	
Post-Graduate Program	
Vocational Program/Tech School	
Other:	
Course of Study (Major)	Current GPA
Expected Date of Graduation/Completion	

PERSONAL STATEMENTS

1. What attracted you to a career in the equipment industry? (200 words or less)

2. Why do you deserve this scholarship? (200 words or less)

3. Is there any additional information about yourself that you would like to share with the Selection Committee (not required, 200 words or less)

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please list any awards/honors you have received.

Please list any previous work experience, extracurricular or community activities that you are involved in.

I understand that the Equipment Dealers Association EDF Annual Scholarship Program required a matching contribution of up to \$1,000 from an EDA Member Dealership in good standing. I further understand that any breach of enrollment or other unsatisfactory performance in my course of study will result in cessation of aid and the unused EDF scholarship funds must be returned to the foundation.

By electronically signing and dating below, I hereby confirm the accuracy of the information provided within this application.

Applicant Name	Date
Sponsoring Dealer Contact Name	Date

If you are awarded a scholarship from the EDF, you will be required to send a photo of yourself at your sponsoring dealership and the name(s) of any local papers/media no later than July 1, 2019.

If you have not been issued a transcript, please explain why:

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## Equipment Dealers Foundation Scholarship Application Checklist 2019

- I have completed all sections of the Application
  - Applicant Information Section
  - Dealership Information Section
  - Education Information Section
  - Personal Statements
  - Additional Information Section
- I have signed the Application
- My sponsoring dealership contact has signed the application
- I have provided an official copy of my most recent scholastic transcript
- I have provided a letter of recommendation from my direct supervisor or dealership contact

**When checklist is complete, please submit your application as one (1) attachment, in PDF format to [scholarships@equipmentdealer.org](mailto:scholarships@equipmentdealer.org) no later than 5:00pm (CST) on Tuesday, April 30, 2018. Incomplete and/or late submissions will not be considered.**