

NATIONAL COAL TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION

APPLICATION

"AT LARGE" SCHOLARSHIP

Four NCTA Scholarships are awarded annually to dependent sons and daughters of full time employees of NCTA member companies in good standing who are soon to **enter their college junior or college senior year** at an accredited non-profit college or university. Semi-finalists will be selected by an independent university faculty committee primarily on the basis of academic merit. However, special consideration will be given to applicants with a stated interest in a career in the various industries reflected by the NCTA field of Membership and the four awardees will be selected by the NCTA Education Committee.

Name _____ Social Security # _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Company Employing Parent _____

High School Attended _____ City, State _____

Date of Graduation _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____ Weighted? Y N (circle one)

ACT/SAT Score _____

College/University Currently Attending _____

Number of Credits Earned By End of Current Semester/Quarter _____

Cumulative Grade Point Average _____

The purpose of this application is to acquaint the Selection Committee with the candidates. In order to assist the Selection Committee in making their decision, please answer the following:

Describe your educational goals:

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Please attach any other documentation that you feel is pertinent to the Selection Committee to consider and return this application by July 31, 2008, to the address below:

**Executive Director
National Coal Transportation Association
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National Coal Transportation Association

At Large Scholarship Program

PURPOSE:

The National Coal Transportation Association (“NCTA”) is a tax exempt, Non-Profit Corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Colorado, with primary purposes to educate and inform members and the general public on issues related to the use and transportation of coal and to promote exchange of ideas, knowledge and technology.

The National Coal Transportation Association Scholarship Program was established to further the NCTA’s ongoing interest in education and development of informed leaders of tomorrow. Each year the NCTA provides scholarships to qualified students at various educational institutions. In addition, the At Large Scholarship Program provides scholarships for financial assistance toward the higher education costs of qualified applicants who are children of employees of Association Member companies and who have demonstrated outstanding academic achievement and leadership ability.

ELIGIBILITY:

The dependent sons and daughters of full time employees of companies which are Members in good standing of the NCTA, and who are enrolled as full time college sophomores or juniors are eligible to apply for a scholarship award to be used for their subsequent junior or senior year. The applicant’s parent’s Member Company must be in good standing and the parent of the applicant must be employed by the Member at the time the winners are selected.

Definition: "Dependent" means the son or daughter of the employee is declared as a dependent exemption for income tax purposes under the rules and regulations established by the Internal Revenue Service.

AT LARGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

Four non-renewable, one year scholarships of \$1500 each will be awarded each year to qualified applicants. The scholarships are to be applied to educational expenses at any accredited non-profit college or university in the United States or Canada. Recipients of these awards may reapply each year if they remain eligible but may only receive a scholarship award a maximum of two years. A new competition for the awards will be held each year. Recipients may transfer from one institution to another and retain the awards.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Application forms will be available from the NCTA website or by mail March 1st of each year. Applications will be mailed to those who request them. The application will contain general information about the program, eligibility and notification procedures. The deadline for submitting applications is July 31 each year.

SELECTION PROCESS:

An initial selection process to select semi-finalists will be conducted by the faculty and staff of an independent educational institution selected by the NCTA. The NCTA Education Committee, composed of persons who have no connection with any of the applicants, will select the final winners during the month of September each year. The committee will evaluate the applicants' academic records, test scores, extracurricular activities and personal statement of career interest. The Grade Point Average (GPA) and the transcript of college students will also be considered. Finalists will be selected largely on the basis of academic merit. Special consideration will be given to applicants with a stated interest in the various industries represented by the NCTA field of Membership. All applicants will be notified of results in September.

RESPONSIBILITY OF RECIPIENTS:

Scholarship recipients must be enrolled as a full-time student in the fall of the year for which the scholarships are awarded and must complete the entire academic year without interruption barring illness, emergency or military service. Scholarship recipients shall utilize their scholarship funds to pay for tuition, room and board, fees, books or other education related expenses.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS:

On or about September 30th, scholarship recipients shall receive checks for the full scholarship award, before the fall academic term. Checks are made payable to the recipient.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION:

To ensure impartiality and fairness in the selection of scholarship finalists and to maintain a high level of professionalism in dealing with students, parents, high schools and colleges, the National Coal Transportation Association Scholarship Program will be administered by the faculty and staff of the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colorado, or such similar educational institution as approved in the future by the Board of Directors of the NCTA, upon recommendation of the Education Committee and the Executive Director.

Application forms and information concerning policies, procedures and the awards are available from the NCTA website www.nationalcoaltransportation.org or by mail request from the Executive Director of the NCTA:

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