



2008 Scholarship Program

Purpose

The purpose of WSA Scholarship Program is to provide financial awards to employees or children of employees of Wisconsin Sign Association member firms. Preference will be given to students who intend to pursue subjects related to the sign industry. It is the desire of WSA to promote excellence in our industry by encouraging the young, bright, and talented to further their education.

Applications

The application must be mailed along with a current official transcript to the WSA office postmarked no later than **June 15th** of each year. Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applicants are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore answer all questions as completely as possible. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and make changes at any time including termination of the program. **Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.**

Awards

Awards are for vocational, undergraduate or graduate study. The scholarship award will be presented at the WSA Conference & Trade Show in October of 2008. Actual scholarship money will be sent directly to your school, in two equal payments for each semester of the school year. The number of awards and amount granted each year may vary depending upon the number of qualified applications received. This year's awards will be distributed as follows:

- (1) \$1000 award recipient
- (2) \$500 award recipients

Eligibility

Applicants to the WSA Scholarship must:

- Be a current employee or dependent of a current employee of a WSA firm during the year of application for the scholarship.
- Be a student who plans to enroll or who is already enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate course of study at an accredited two or four-year college / university or vocational-technical school.
- Have a grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.5 (where 4.0 is the maximum) at the time of applying

Selection of Recipients

Scholarship finalists are selected on the basis of academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, graphic design potential, goals and aspirations. Selection will be made by the WSA Scholarship Award Committee, who, in conjunction with the WSA Board of Directors, shall have the right to interpret, modify, or discontinue this Scholarship Award Program. All applicants agree to accept the decisions as final. Applicants will be notified by the end of August. Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Applicants may reapply to the program each year that they meet eligibility requirements.



Scholarship Application
Postmark Deadline: June 15, 2008

1. Personal Data

Name			Date
Permanent Address			Home Phone
City	State	Zip	Cell phone
E-mail address			
Social Security Number			Date of Birth
WSA Member Firm			
Name of parent or guardian employed by this firm			
Name of College/University/Trade School expected to attend			
Desired Career		Expected College Major	

2. Educational Record

Name of High School	Graduation Date	
City & State		
Class Rank	SAT/ACT Total	GPA on a 4.00 scale
(or) Name of College currently attending		
City & State		
College GPA		

3. Activities and Special Recognition -- School

List chronologically, beginning with freshman year, all activities in high school and college, such as publications, club work, student government, athletics, honor societies, etc. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Academic Year Recognitions	Activity	Offices Held, Awards,

4. Activities and Special Recognition-- Community

List chronologically, beginning with your freshman year, activities outside of school in which you were involved; such as clubs (4H, Scouts, Church, etc.), volunteer work (Red Cross, camp counselor, etc.), special interest groups (WSA, art association, etc.). Attach additional pages if necessary.

Academic Year	Activity	Number of hours/year

5. Employment Information

Starting with freshman year, list all summer, part time and/or full time jobs. Attach additional pages if necessary.

Dates of Employment	Employer	Type of Work

6. **Essay**

Use separate sheets and attach to application. Answer the following questions in 250 words or less for each answer.

- How will my continuing education have an impact on the Sign Industry – professionally, personally, and/or as an instrument of change or contribution?
- What are my short term and long-term goals to be achieved from this scholarship?

You may submit other items, such as letters of recommendation, etc.

7. **Certification and Disclaimer**

I (we) indemnify the Wisconsin Sign Association and hold it harmless from any loss, damage, claim of damage, or liability of expense arising out of, or resulting from, any aspect of this application or this Scholarship Award Program. I (we) agree that I (we) are aware of and understand all rules, conditions, instructions, and provisions regarding all aspects of this Scholarship Award Program. Furthermore, I (we) agree to accept the decision of the WSA without debate.

I (we) agree that, in accepting this scholarship, I will attend an accredited college, university, or institute and will maintain enrolled status for the academic year for which the award was given. **I (we) also agree that, if I withdraw or fail to meet attendance requirements for that academic year, I (we) will reimburse the Wisconsin Sign Association for the total scholarship amount.**

I (we) certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of our knowledge.

Applicant's Signature _____

Date _____

Parent/Guardian's Signature _____

Date _____

(Parent/Guardian's Signature is only required for applicants under the age of 18.)

All submitted forms, transcripts, essays, and information become the property of the Wisconsin Sign Association and will not be returned to the applicant. Intentionally falsifying information will result in disqualification and forfeiture of any award.

The following forms **must** be included with this application:

- High School and/or college transcript
- GPA
- Essay

All submitted items and forms to be postmarked no later than June 15, 2008.
Incomplete or late applications will not be considered.
Send completed applications and all required materials to:

Wisconsin Sign Association, Inc.
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Milwaukee, WI 53225
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