LOGISTICS 2013 CONFERENCE SCHOLARSHIP

STUDENT APPLICATION

Gaylord Palms Resort & Convention Center
Orlando, FL
February 17-20, 2013

The RILA Logistics Conference Scholarship program is designed to award students interested in a career in supply chain/logistics with the opportunity to attend the premier educational conference for retail supply chain professionals: the RILA Logistics Conference. In doing so, RILA and its members hope to encourage, interest and educate undergraduate college students about the many opportunities available to them with a career in supply chain management for retail. For Logistics 2013, scholarship winners will be contacted by October 15, 2012.

Applications are due to RILA by October 5, 2012

About RILA

Retail Industry Leaders Association (RILA) is a trade association of the largest and fastest growing companies in the retail industry. Its member companies include over 200 retailers, product manufacturers, and service suppliers, which together account for over $1.5 trillion in annual sales. RILA members operate over 150,000 stores, manufacturing facilities and distribution centers, have facilities in all 50 states, and provide millions of jobs domestically and worldwide.
**SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY**

Scholarship Award is for RILA’s Logistics 2013 Conference.

**Applicant must:**
- be a full-time undergraduate student with at least a junior standing and have completed at least 60 credit hours at the beginning of the upcoming academic year.
- be enrolled in a program applicable to supply chain or operations at an accredited college or university.
- have a minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent if college or university uses a higher scale.

Scholarship award recipients in any one year are ineligible to apply for a scholarship award in subsequent years.

Scholarships will be open to all students meeting eligibility requirements on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, creed, religion, age or sex of applicant and without limitation due to location of college or university.

Incomplete scholarship application packets will not be considered. All required materials must be typed or legibly printed. Completed scholarship application packets will be reviewed by the RILA and the sponsoring organizations, with final decisions made by late fall. Selection will be based solely on the information contained in the application and supporting documentation. All application materials submitted are the property of RILA and will not be returned.

**STUDENT APPLICATION CRITERIA**

RILA accepts applications based on the following criteria:

Option 1 – **If you are a student applicant that has already been selected by a sponsor,** you must submit to RILA a completed Logistics Conference Scholarship Application within 7 days of being contacted by your sponsor.

Option 2 – **If you are a student applicant that has been selected from a professor at your college or university,** you must submit to RILA a completed Logistics Conference Scholarship Application and essay within 14 days of being selected by professor, including the essay detailed below.

Option 3 – **If you are a student applicant applying for a Logistics Conference Scholarship,** you must submit to RILA a completed Logistics Conference Scholarship Application, college/university transcript, essay, and one (1) letter of recommendation.

**Essay requirements:** Essay should be limited to 500 words, typed or legibly printed, responding to the following:

Why did you choose retail as your profession and what attributes/skills do you believe will make you successful?

What does attending RILA’s Logistics 2013 Conference mean to you? What do you hope to take away from the conference?

**Letter of recommendation requirements:** Letters must be provided in a sealed envelope from the person making the recommendation. Acceptable letters must be from an applicant’s advisor, professor or a business relationship. Recommendation letters should speak to the applicant’s academic merit, professional goals and personal qualities. Personal and family recommendations will not be accepted.

**AWARD RECIPIENT REQUIREMENTS**

Scholarship award recipients are expected to attend all the educational events and networking sessions, as well as any invitations for dinner by sponsor.

Scholarship award recipients are **required** to participate in the “Student Session” of the conference. RILA will pair you with other students and give you questions to ask your faculty and peers. RILA will also arrange an interview for you and your team to ask logistics executives their perceptions. You will be asked to work with your team to present and showcase your findings during the “Future Retail Leaders” session at the conference, the final version of which will be due to RILA early February 2013.

Scholarship award recipients are also required to attend the student session rehearsal(s) during the conference and the Welcome Reception on Sunday, February 17, 2013.
Scholarship Application

Please Type Or Print Legibly.

SECTION I – APPLICANT INFORMATION

Full Name __________________________ Date of Birth ________________

Present Mailing Address __________________________________________ Apt. ______
City/Province __________________________ State/Country ______________
Zip/Postal Code _______________ Phone # _______________ Cell # ______________

Present Email Address __________________________

Permanent Mailing Address __________________________________ Apt. ______
City/Province __________________________ State/Country ______________
Zip/Postal Code _______________ Phone # _______________ Cell # ______________
Permanent Email Address __________________________

SECTION II – EDUCATION INFORMATION

List college and/or university attended:  (If more space is needed, attach separate sheet.)

Current Institution __________________________ City/State __________________________
From ___________ To ___________ Anticipated Graduation: ___________ GPA: _____ on a scale of _____

Previous Institution __________________________ City/State __________________________
From ___________ To ___________ GPA: _____ on a scale of _____

Full name of college/university attending in Fall 2012: __________________________

Major Area of Specialization: __________________________

Minor Area of Specialization: __________________________

Identify the five (5) courses you have completed which you believe are most important for your career.

1. __________________________ 4. __________________________
2. __________________________ 5. __________________________
3. __________________________

I hereby certify that all the information contained in this application is complete and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: __________________________ Date: ___________

Send Application with All Required Documents To:

Retail Industry Leaders Association
Attn: Caitlin Hott
Logistics Conference Scholarship Program
1700 N. Moore Street – Suite 2250
Arlington, VA 22209
Fax: 703-841-1184

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