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## Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Program

### 2025 RULES & APPLICATION FORM

*Minnesota Laborers-Employers Cooperation & Education Trust (LECET) is a Labor-Management Cooperation organization that was founded in 1992 to promote Union Construction and opportunities for training & advancement within the construction industry. LECET is proudly providing a limited number of academic construction educational scholarship awards for eligible candidates working toward a career in the construction industry.*

**To Qualify:** All candidates must be either a current Minnesota Laborers Union member (LIUNA Member), or an immediate family member of a Laborers Union member, OR a staff member or immediate family member of any Signatory Union Contractor Employer with the Laborers District Council of MN & ND (Union Employer). To verify Union Contractor status, please visit: MNLECET.ORG (click "Find a Union Contractor") or LIUNAContractorsMNND.org . Interns working for a Union Contractor employer are also eligible. Candidates must be students currently enrolled in their 2<sup>ND</sup> year or more at an approved higher education academic institution with a declared major in an approved construction industry related program.

**Deadline for Application:** Applications must be received by June 16, 2025.

**Academic Year:** 2025 - 2026.

### Application for Academic Scholarship:

- ✓ Scholarships have a maximum value of \$1,000 each.
- ✓ Applicants must be in their second year or more at an approved institution and program, with a declared major in a construction industry related program.

### APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS: SEND BOTH OF THE FOLLOWING

1. Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship **Application** (See page 3, enclosed)
2. A **Cover Letter** declaring candidate's interest in receiving the award and the following:
  - a. **Proof of enrollment** and copy of the most current Grades transcript.
  - b. **Future enrollment** showing intended upcoming coursework.
  - c. All information relating to applicant's career goals, current construction industry related work experience, volunteering, community service and other honors received. Include this information on the application or in the cover letter.

## **Academic Scholarship Program Advertisement:**

- 1) Minnesota LECET Leadership Grant Program information will be made available through Minnesota LECET (website – [www.mnlecet.org](http://www.mnlecet.org)), LIUNA Local Union halls and the Construction Laborers Training Center, a number of Minnesota Contractor Industry Association Groups (AGC, MC&MCA, MUCA, MGI and others) and with advertisement in the Minnesota LECET Feel the Power Quarterly Newsletter.
- 2) Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Program information will be made available to a select number of regional higher education academic institutions in Minnesota, ND and Wisconsin with construction industry related programs in their curriculum. Eligible programs may include construction management, construction design & architecture and construction related engineering programs. Contact MN LECET to verify your school and program.

## **Academic Scholarship Program Award Process and Rules:**

- 1) All Applications are due on June 16, 2025.
- 2) Minnesota LECET will notify winning candidates and / or their employers and academic institutions.
- 3) Distribution of academic scholarship awards are as follows:
  - a. *Scholarship funding will be coordinated with each award winner's academic institution. The financial assistance will be sent directly to the institution with intention of being made available to the award winner at tuition payment time.*
  - b. *Funding distribution must be completed in the applicable academic year. For other circumstances, the scholarship winner should notify Minnesota LECET.*
  - c. *Candidates will need to provide higher education institution financial aid / resource center contacts.*
- 4) Minnesota LECET will contact references to verify academic records, work history, career intentions and more.
- 5) All winners must meet eligibility requirements through either their affiliation with the Minnesota Laborers Union and / or a Signatory Union Contractor Employer of the Minnesota Laborers Union. All members must be in good standing with their Laborers Local Union and candidates applying through their Union Contractor eligibility, must be working with signatory Union contractors who are current with the Minnesota Laborers Fringe Benefit Funds, and in good standing with the Minnesota Laborers Union.
- 6) Candidates must have a current Grade Point Average (GPA) of 2.0 or above to be eligible for this scholarship program award.
- 7) Previous award winners may apply more than once, with financial assistance subject to availability of grant funds. ***The maximum number of awards is 2 times per person in the Scholarship program.***
- 8) The Minnesota LECET Board of Trustees reserves the right to change, alter or discontinue the Minnesota LECET Academic Scholarship Program at any time.
- 9) LECET reserves the right to publicize information including photographs of winning candidates for purposes of promoting and advertising the program in LECET Newsletters, general newspaper press releases, on the LECET website and more.
- 10) Winning candidates may be invited to various events sponsored by Minnesota LECET, such as the Annual Golf Classic or Open Houses at the Laborers Training Center and are encouraged to attend.
- 11) There are a limited number of financial assistance awards in this annual program.
- 12) All decisions made by the Minnesota LECET Board of Trustees are final.

