



# American Railway Development Association

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## Announcement of 2019 ARDA Scholarship Program

The American Railway Development Association is pleased to announce the availability of scholarships to undergraduate and graduate level students sponsored by a current ARDA member.

### About ARDA

The American Railway Development Association (ARDA) is a not-for-profit educational trade association founded in 1906 to promote Economic Development, Real Estate Development, Technology, and Environmental Activities of North American Railroads. ARDA achieves this through the advancement of ideas and education of members to further promote the effectiveness of railway development.

ARDA encourages membership from all classes of railroads throughout North America. Members also include professionals from other associations, agencies, and railroad service partners that have a direct effect on rail business today. ARDA's membership variety provides a wide perspective on issues facing the railroad industry in the 21st Century.

### Amount of Awards

This year, ARDA is offering three scholarships to either undergraduate or graduate students. They are:

- One (1) \$2,500 President's Scholarship
- Two (2) \$1,250 Individual Scholarships

Scholarship funds will be sent directly to the student at the beginning of the next term of study. Students must be in

### Eligibility

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- Be sponsored by a current Active or Honorary ARDA member. ARDA members are permitted to sponsor one applicant per sponsorship year.
- Be enrolled either:
  - As a full-time college student at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university, pursuing an associate, bachelor's or graduate level degree.
  - As a high school student expecting to graduate and having confirmed your enrollment at an accredited two-year or four-year college or university.

## Application Deadline

A complete application and all accompanying materials must be submitted by **March 1, 2019** for consideration. The absence of any the materials listed in the next section will render the application incomplete.

## The Application Process

To apply for this scholarship, all materials listed below must be submitted to the ARDA Scholarship Committee:

1. A completed Application for the ARDA Scholarship Program, including the narrative specified in Section E of the application.
2. A letter written from an Active or Honorary ARDA member, who is current on dues for the 2018-19 ARDA membership year, confirming their sponsorship of the applicant. Sponsorship letters may be submitted electronically, but must be sent from the sponsor directly to [staff@amraildev.com](mailto:staff@amraildev.com).
3. An official transcript from all schools attended, including high school and each college attended indicating all college-level work completed through the fall semester of 2018. The transcript(s) should list courses taken or in which currently enrolled. Graduate and undergraduate applicants entering their junior and senior year in college are not required to provide high school transcripts.
4. An essay, 500 words or less, addressing the following:

*How do you think you can benefit society by pursuing a career in the rail industry?*

5. Two letters of recommendation written on official letterhead. At least one of the letters must be from a faculty member from an educational institution the applicant attended in the past, or at which is currently enrolled. Letters of recommendation may be submitted electronically, but must be sent from the reference directly to [staff@amraildev.com](mailto:staff@amraildev.com).

It is requested that applicants submit their application form, narrative statement, and essay electronically to [staff@amraildev.com](mailto:staff@amraildev.com) with “2019 ARDA Scholarship” in the subject line.

Please arrange to have transcripts, and any sponsorship or recommendation letters not submitted electronically, sent directly to:

ARDA Scholarship Committee  
Attn: Will Resch  
410 First Street SE, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20003

All materials must be post marked no later than **March 1, 2019**.



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## 2019 ARDA Sponsorship Application

### APPLICATION FOR 2019 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Please type or print the following information. Attach an additional sheet if you need more space.

#### A. BACKGROUND

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle Initial

Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Place of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

(Optional)

(Optional)

Name and employer of sponsoring ARDA Member: \_\_\_\_\_

What sources of income, including scholarships, will you have while attending college in the fall?

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

#### B. EDUCATION

High School: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Location

Dates of Attendance

Number of year's completed: \_\_\_\_\_ Diploma or equivalent received? Yes No

Present college or university: \_\_\_\_\_

Name

Location

Dates of Attendance

Year in college: Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_ Degree Type \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

Other colleges or universities attended:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Location \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_ Degree (if any) \_\_\_\_\_ Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_

List any other schools attended, e.g., vocational or industrial schools, etc., including dates of attendance and subjects completed.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects Completed \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Dates of Attendance \_\_\_\_\_ Subjects Completed \_\_\_\_\_

**C. WORK EXPERIENCE** (most recent first)

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Title of position & description of duties:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Employer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No.: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Period of employment: From \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_

Title of position & description of duties:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**D. SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITIES AND HONORS**

List professional societies, civic organizations, important committees or other significant organizations or activities in which you participate.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

List honors or special awards in recognition of your professional or community activities.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**E. ANTICIPATED COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY STUDY PROGRAM**

Please prepare a narrative, not exceeding 1,200 words, on a separate double-spaced PDF or Word Document titled "Narrative" with your name at the top. In your narrative include the following:

1. A brief description of your present and any future study program.
2. Any research projects or school activities in which you are now or have been involved.
3. Post-graduate plans.
4. Why you feel you are deserving of this scholarship.
5. Any other pertinent information you feel important to your application.

**F. REFERENCE AND LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION**

Provide the names and addresses of two references who will write letters of recommendation for you. One letter must be from a faculty member an education institution in which you are currently enrolled or attended in the past, and must be on official letterhead. The second reference may include another faculty member, your department head, current or former employer. This letter should be written on an official letterhead. It is your responsibility to obtain the references and request that they submit their letter directly to the ARDA Scholarship Committee postmarked no later March 1, 2019. Letters of recommendation may be submitted electronically via email to staff @amraildev.com. Emails must come directly from reference.

1. \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Name Title Institution/ Company Phone No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
 Office Address City State Zip Code

2. \_\_\_\_\_ ( ) \_\_\_\_\_  
Name Title Institution/ Company Phone No.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Office Address City State Zip Code

**I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ALL STATEMENTS CONTAINED IN THIS APPLICATION ARE CORRECT AND, IF SELECTED, I AGREE TO UTILIZE THE MONIES FOR THE PURPOSE STATED.**

**Signature of Applicant** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date** \_\_\_\_\_