**2013 Scholarship Application Overview**

The World Sweeping Association is offering two financial aid scholarships for the 2013-2014 school year. These are the Dale McCaskill, Sr. Memorial Scholarship and the Carl J. Austin Memorial Scholarship. Each award will be in the amount of $1,000. However, each award will be increased to $2,000 if applicant’s sweeping company parent(s) or guardian(s) work for a WSA Member Company. *Scholarship award money will be sent directly to the school being attended by recipient.*

**To qualify:**

1. Applicant must be entering or already enrolled in an accredited university or two-year trade or technical school at a post-high school level. Scholarships are awarded annually for one year. Recipients may re-apply for each year of college or for the second year of trade or technical school.

2. Parent and/or Guardian of Applicant must be employed by a company that derives a minimum of 50% of its income from the activity of power sweeping. The parent or guardian *may not* hold an equity position in the power sweeping company. Eligibility of applicant and qualification of sweeping company will be at the sole discretion of the World Sweeping Association Scholarship Advisory Board.

Although the power sweeping company where Applicant’s parent(s) are employed *does not* have to be a Member of the World Sweeping Association for an applicant to qualify, the scholarship award will be increased by $1000 (from $1,000 to $2,000) if the chosen applicant’s parent or guardian is employed by a WSA Member Company.

3. Applicants are required to be United States Citizens or permanent residents.

Applications will be reviewed by the WSA Scholarship Advisory Board and/or WSA Members. Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria: demonstrated financial need, academic achievement, campus/community involvement, strength of personal references and future promise. Notification will be sent to all applicants by September 1, 2013. Scholarship awards will be mailed directly to each student’s college/technical school by September 15, 2013.

Copies of this application overview form, as well as the Applicant Form, are available from the World Sweeping Association website at: www.powersweepingpros.org/scholarship/.

To be eligible for consideration, the application, all required school and financial documentation, and reference reports must be *received* by the Foundation by **August 1, 2013.** **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

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**2013 Application Instructions**

Information requested in this application is confidential. The application, all required school and financial documentation, and the reference reports described below must be ***postmarked*** by **August 1, 2013**. It is the student’s responsibility to verify that the required business owner and personal reference reports have been sent to WSA and that the application is fully complete.

Follow these instructions **carefully** in submitting your scholarship application:

**FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

1. Submit a statement that explains any special circumstances having a bearing on your family’s ability to contribute to college costs, if applicable. Please print this document on a separate page and entitle the document “Special Circumstances.”
2. Although it is preferred that all information be transmitted via email, it may also be sent via US mail postmarked on or before August 1, 2013, to:

Scholarship Committee

World Sweeping Association

P.O. Box 667

Bellingham, WA 98227

**TRANSCRIPTS**

1. Please obtain a transcript from the registrar of your high school or your undergraduate college/university/technical school. Then scan it and send it as an email attachment in JPG or PDF format to the Scholarship Committee at director@worldsweepingpros.org. If that is not possible, please contact Regina Wollenberg at 866.635.2205 for alternative options.
2. Transcripts must be up-to-date and list courses taken, grades, GPA and credit hours received. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required based on the standard A to F pattern where an A receives a 4.

**RECOMMENDATION FORMS**

1. Each applicant must provide two (2) recommendation forms completed on his/her behalf, including one current faculty reference report and one personal reference report.
2. The recommendation forms are included as part of this document and are also available at www.worldsweepingpros.org/scholarship as stand-alone Microsoft Word documents.
3. Recommendations must be submitted from the recommender directly to the Scholarship Committee. It is highly preferred that recommendations be submitted via e-mail sent to director@worldsweepingpros.org. However, they may be mailed to the Scholarship Committee at the address shown at the bottom of this page.

**APPLI CATION FORM AND PERSONAL ESSAYS**

1. Copies of all application forms are available at the WSA website (www.worldsweepingpros.org/scholarship) as Microsoft Word files.
2. Please complete the application form and personal essay electronically using Microsoft Word. Please do not alter the font sizes as set in the original application.
3. Please submit the WSA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANT FORM and personal statement in one Word document (not a PDF) attached to an e-mail addressed to director@worldsweepingpros.org. The email subject line should state: “Scholarship Application: [first name] [last name].”
4. If any part of your contact information or your references’ contact information changes following the submission of your application (i.e., phone number change, email address change, etc.), please notify the WSA office via email or in writing. Please keep in mind that incomplete applications cannot be reviewed.

**FINAL CHECKLIST**

* **Completed application form**
* **Personal essays**
* **Transcripts**
* **Recommendation forms** – to be submitted from the recommender directly to the Scholarship Committee

**Please submit completed application forms, personal essays and, if possible, copy of transcripts together as attachments in one email sent to** director@worldsweepingpros.org.

Applicants will be notified via email when their completed application forms, personal essays and transcript have been received. *If you have not received this confirmation in a reasonable amount of time after submittal, please contact the WSA office.*

All materials must be **received** by the Scholarship Committee by **August 1, 2013 if sent via email, and postmarked by that date if mailed**. If any materials are not received/submitted by the deadline, the application will **not** be considered eligible.

**Please contact Regina Wollenberg with questions at** **regina@worldsweepingpros.org**or call 866.635.2205.

**2013 Reference Report: Faculty Member**

**Applicant: Complete top portion of this page.**

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This applicant is asking you to provide a reference for his/her application for a World Sweeping Association Scholarship. Please *indicate on official letterhead or send from school email address* whatever you believe is important for the Scholarship Committee to know about the applicant, including a description of academic and personal characteristics. We are particularly interested in the applicant’s academic skills, social maturity, work habits, initiative, potential and integrity. Please describe any special circumstances that should be considered.

**QUESTIONS?** Please contact WSA via the email address or phone numbers at the bottom of this page. ***Thank you!***

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**2013 Reference Report: Personal**

**Applicant: Complete top portion of this page.**

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