



# REMSA

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF 2016 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

### REMSA Announces \$7,500 REMSA President's Scholarship Awards

The Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association (REMSA) is pleased to announce the availability of seven undergraduate scholarships for tuition assistance. **This year REMSA is offering one (1) \$7,500 President's Scholarship, one (1) \$5,000 second place scholarship, and five (5) individual scholarships at \$2,500 each.**

#### **ABOUT REMSA, the Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association**

REMSA represents manufacturers and suppliers of products, services and equipment that support the railway industry. REMSA's mission is to facilitate global business development opportunities to its members and advance initiatives in support of the rail industry.

#### **AMOUNT OF AWARDS: One (1) at \$7,500, one (1) at \$5,000, and five (5) at \$2,500 each**

Scholarship funds, awarded annually, are sent to the financial aid office at each recipient's institution to be applied to the student's account at the beginning of the fall term of study. Students must be in attendance for a full year following receipt of the award.

#### **ELIGIBILITY**

To be eligible for consideration, an applicant must:

- be a full- or part-time employee of a REMSA member company; or the spouse, son, daughter, grandson, or granddaughter of a current full-time employee of a REMSA member company. An employee who is the scholarship applicant does not have to be a full-time employee. Interns are not eligible;
- be enrolled and in attendance at the time of application as a full-time college student at an accredited two-year college offering an associate's degree or an accredited college or university offering a bachelor's degree; and
- demonstrate successful completion of the previous year of study and a willingness to continue.

#### **RENEWAL OF REMSA SCHOLARSHIP**

Previous winners of REMSA scholarships are eligible to be considered for renewal of their scholarship assistance each year. They must submit the following: a new application form, narrative statement, two letters of recommendation (one must be from a college faculty member), a letter of sponsorship from a REMSA member company, an updated transcript including courses taken and grades received since their initial application, and the essay listed under item 4 on the following page.

#### **APPLICATION DEADLINE — Friday, July 1, 2016**

A complete application and all accompanying materials must be sent to the REMSA Scholarship Committee and postmarked no later than Friday, July 1<sup>st</sup> for consideration for the following academic year. **The absence of any of the materials listed below will render the application incomplete. It is recommended that applicants contact the REMSA office ([info@remsa.org](mailto:info@remsa.org)) in early June to inquire about the status of their application with regard to receipt of the materials required for consideration.**

## THE APPLICATION PROCESS

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

1. A completed Application for Undergraduate Scholarship Program, including the narrative requested in Section E of the application.
2. A letter written on official REMSA member company stationery confirming REMSA sponsorship as requested in Section A of the application and stating the relationship of the member company employee to you, e.g., employee, father, mother, etc.
3. An official transcript from all schools attended, including high school and each college attended indicating all college-level work completed through January 31<sup>st</sup> of the year the application is made. The transcript(s) should list courses taken or in which currently enrolled. Previous scholarship winners and 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:

*Since the third quarter of 2015, the North American freight railroad business has been slowing giving rise to the recent capital expenditure slowdown. What should the railroads do about this situation and how does this affect the railroads' long-term strategic growth?*

5. Two letters of recommendation written on official letterhead as explained in Section F of the application form. At least one of the letters must be from a faculty member at the college in which you are currently enrolled. This letter should be written on an official letterhead. **It is your responsibility to obtain the references and request that they submit their letters directly to the Association postmarked no later than July 1, 2016. Letters of recommendation may be submitted electronically via email to [soucie@remsa.org](mailto:soucie@remsa.org). Emails must come directly from reference.**

**It is requested that you submit the application, narrative statement, and essay electronically to [soucie@remsa.org](mailto:soucie@remsa.org) with "2016 REMSA Undergraduate Scholarship" in the subject line.**

Please arrange to have transcripts, letters of recommendation, and the letter of sponsorship sent directly to:

**REMSA Scholarship Committee  
Attention: Urszula Soucie, Director of Trade Shows & Operations  
Railway Engineering-Maintenance Suppliers Association  
500 New Jersey Avenue, NW, Suite 400  
Washington, DC 20001**

**ALL MATERIALS MUST BE POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN July 1, 2016.**

## EVALUATION AND NOTIFICATION

A Scholarship Committee appointed by the REMSA Board of Directors will base its evaluation for awards on the materials submitted. All applicants will be informed of awards in August. **Scholarship recipients will be required to submit a final official transcript including grades for the spring term.**

## APPLICATION STATUS

It is recommended that applicants contact the REMSA office at [info@remsa.org](mailto:info@remsa.org) in early June to inquire about the status of their applications with regard to receipt of the materials required for consideration. If any materials are missing, the application will be considered incomplete.



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## APPLICATION FOR 2016 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

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

### A. BACKGROUND

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

Last

First

Middle

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

Street

City

State

Zip Code

Telephone Number: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

(Optional)

(Optional)

Married (optional): Yes  No  If married, give spouse's full name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of sponsoring REMSA Member Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of REMSA member company employee or owner related to you: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to you, e.g., employee, father, mother, etc.: \_\_\_\_\_

*A letter from a company officer on official company letterhead confirming sponsorship and your relationship to company personnel must be forwarded to REMSA.*

Do you hold any scholarships at the present time? Yes  No

Are you a current or past recipient of a REMSA scholarship? Yes  No

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: Sophomore  Junior  Senior

Major course of study \_\_\_\_\_ 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

**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 1,350 words, on a separate double-spaced typewritten sheet 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 at the college in which you are currently enrolled and must be on official college letterhead. The second reference may include another faculty member, your department head, current or former employer, REMSA member or other responsible person. This letter should be written on an official letterhead. **It is your responsibility to obtain the references and request that they submit their letters directly to the Association postmarked no later than July 1, 2016. Letters of recommendation may be submitted electronically via email to [soucie@remsa.org](mailto:soucie@remsa.org). 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** \_\_\_\_\_