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Maryland Emergency Management Association Scholarship 2014

Please find attached the 2014 Maryland Emergency Management Association Scholarship form. This form should be reproduced and sent to all area high schools. I have also enclosed a sample press release for the press announcing the scholarship. Please feel free to use this to promote our scholarship.

Remember, the Committee has added the wording: “Applicants are to visit their **local** Emergency Management Office for information.” The Committee has also agreed to adjust the judging criteria to include the visit or contact to the local emergency management office. Please make note of the applicants who might make this contact. The applicant is to complete the contact information sheet as part of their application package.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Scholarship Committee. Your cooperation and participation is greatly appreciated.

Thanks – together we can make this year Scholarship process a success. I look forward to serving as the Chair and working with my fellow committee members. I can be reached at 240-313-4364.

Respectfully,
Verna M. Brown, CEM
Chair – Maryland Emergency Management Association
Scholarship 2013

THE MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP

The MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION is offering five (5) \$1,000.00 scholarships for the year 2014. One scholarship per Association Area:

- Area I - Western Maryland
- Area II – National Capital
- Area III – Central Maryland
- Area IV -Maryland's Eastern Shore
- Area V – Southern Maryland

THE ASSOCIATION'S OBJECTIVE: To promote Emergency Management in the State of Maryland and to assist students pursuing a career in Emergency Management or a related field (examples, to name a few; Public Safety, Disaster Relief, Public Services, Weather Service, Corporate Risk Management or Meteorology) Applicants **are to visit their local jurisdiction's Emergency Management Agency to seek information on emergency management. Applicants verify visit to their local Emergency Management Agency by completing the Local EMA Contact Form that will be part of the application package.**

TERM: One scholarship per geographical area per calendar year. Award will be sent to the student's higher education facility.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicant must be a senior attending an accredited Maryland High School. Members of the Maryland Emergency Management Association and their family members are not eligible.

JUDGING CRITERIA: Scholarships will be awarded based on the quality of a student's essay, community involvement, student records, grades, financial need, and personal references.

All APPLICATIONS will be reviewed by the Association's Scholarship Committee. A Local Emergency Management Official will make the presentation to the recipient at their High School Senior Awards Program or at an agreed upon presentation by their high school.

The Application and Essay **Deadline is April 1, 2014.** All applications must be postmarked or hand delivered no later than April 1, 2014 to **Maryland Emergency Management Association, Attn: Chairperson, Verna Brown, CEM, c/o Washington County Emergency Services, 16232 Elliott parkway, Williamsport, MD 21795.**

Scholarship payment will be awarded to the student's higher education facility. This scholarship is primarily for the purpose to cover books, or can be used for tuition, housing, or other college related expenses. Documentation of expenditures for said amount will be made available to the Scholarship Committee

MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION
SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
APPLICATION FORM

*Eligibility – These scholarships are open to any resident of Maryland who is a High School Senior and will be receiving a Maryland High School Diploma during the 2014 academic school year. Application and essay deadline: April 1, 2013 (no exceptions) Scholarship recipients will be selected by May 7, 2014. **Members of the Maryland Emergency Management Association and their family members are not eligible.***

(Please type or print)

Date: _____ Birth date: _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Ph # _____ Social Security Number: _____ - _____ - _____

Parent(s) or Guardian: _____

Name of High School: _____

Name of County in which **you** reside: _____

Name of High School Counselor / Phone Number: _____

What is your desired field of study? _____

What is your G.P.A.? _____

How did you find out about this scholarship program? _____

Name and Address of College at which accepted and plan to attend _____

List any involvement you have had in your local community (use another sheet is needed): _____

Application includes an Essay – see attached sheet for topic and rules.

NOTE: Any member of the Maryland Emergency Management Association and their immediate family members are not eligible for the scholarship. Immediate Family member is to include family members residing with the Member.

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| Office Use Only: | | | | | |
| Date Recd. | _____ | | | | |
| Area | I | II | III | IV | V |
| Applicant #: | _____ | | | | |

Directions/Overall Rules for Scholarship Application

1. Complete the Application – All information must be completed, including social security number.
2. Acceptance Letter from college or higher education facility that student will be attending.
3. Two letters of reference – *All applicants must provide a minimum of two reference letters. Letters may be from school administrators, teachers, civic leaders, ministers, neighbors, or job supervisors.*
4. **Reference letters can not be from family members.**
5. Local Emergency Management Contact Form should be completed and returned with the application.
5. Essay – All applicants must submit a 500 word – double spaced essay.
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Essay topic:

“What is Emergency Management and why is your chosen field important to Emergency Management?”

Rules for the essay:

- Must be a *minimum of 500 words, typed, double-spaced.*
 - Contain a cover sheet providing the students’ name, address and contact number
 - **Do not place your name on any other page of the essay.**
 - **Placement of any personal information on the essay pages could result in disqualification.**
6. All applicants must visit or call the local Emergency Management Agency in the County in which they reside and complete the form provided.
 7. Finalist for consideration of scholarship(s) maybe required to provide additional information as deemed necessary by the Committee.
 8. You may apply and will be considered regardless of your race, religion, sex, national origin, or handicapping conditions.
 9. Selection and awards by the Committee are final.
 10. Any member of the Maryland Emergency Management Association and their immediate family members are not eligible for the scholarship. Immediate family members are those members who reside with them.

REMEMBER: Application and essay deadline is April 1, 2014

***Submit to: Maryland Emergency Management Association
Chairperson, Verna M. Brown, CEM
c/o Washington County Emergency Services/Emergency Management
16232 Elliott Parkway, Williamsport, MD 21795***



LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONTACT FORM

Applicant – Please contact the local Emergency Management Agency in the County which you reside and complete this form. Submit your form with your completed application and essay. Please use the back of form or additional sheet of paper if needed.

1. Name of County and location of your Local Emergency Management Agency: (**County where your High School is located in**)

2. Name of the Local Emergency Manager/Coordinator and their phone number: (Include business card if possible)

3. Main responsibilities of the Local Emergency Manager/Coordinator in your County.

4. Current Projects that your local Emergency Management is involved with:

5. Name and position of who you visited or spoke with: (**person should be responsible for Emergency Management for their respective County**).

6. Date and Time of visit.

Submit completed form with your application and essay before April 1, 2014.

PRESS RELEASE

**Maryland Emergency Management Association
Announces 2014 Scholarship**

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END OF NEWS RELEASE

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