

The R. Gene and Nancy D. Richter Foundation

Scholarship Information

About the Award

Winners of the R. Gene Richter Scholarship are awarded tuition assistance of \$5,000 (December graduates will be awarded \$2,500). In addition, Richter Scholars are enrolled in a mentoring program where they are paired with an established executive in the field. Current-year recipients are invited to attend the Annual International Supply Management Conference sponsored by the Institute for Supply Management™ (ISM) in Las Vegas May 6-9, 2007. They will also be the guests of honor at a special Awards Presentation Dinner on Monday, May 7. Richter Scholars will be escorted to this banquet by their mentors. One year after graduation and completion of real-world experience in the field of supply chain management, Richter Scholars are invited to participate in an exclusive, invitation-only Power Conference for the executive leadership of the profession held concurrently during the Annual Conference by the Institute for Supply Management™.

Criteria

Applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Be enrolled full time in an accredited supply chain management curriculum
2. Be enrolled in their Senior year
3. Be a citizen of the United States or holder of a valid green card
4. Be available to attend the Annual International Conference sponsored by ISM May 6-9, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada
5. Be willing to sign a contract pledging that the monetary award will be used for educational expenses (this includes living expenses)

Profile of a Richter Scholar

A Richter Scholar is a student who has:

Attained High Academic Achievement – Recipients of this award have earned outstanding grades. Transcripts are looked at very closely.

Demonstrated Strong Leadership Ability – Past winners have been active participants in campus activities and are usually an officer of one of the organizations they are involved in. Others have led charitable efforts within their communities. They are involved.

High Ethical Standards – This is a very important aspect of the program. Answers to essay questions are especially relevant to assessing the applicants' ethics. This is an area explored in greater depth during the personal interview.

Made A Strong Commitment to Pursuing A Career in the Field of Supply Chain Management – This is best shown through participation in the campus ISM chapter or other campus supply chain management associations. In addition, we would expect that an applicant has completed, or is planning to complete, an internship in the supply chain management field.

The Application Process

To apply, please submit a complete package to: R. Gene Richter Scholarship Program, c/o The Institute for Supply Management™, 2055 East Centennial Circle, Tempe AZ, 85284. This package should include:

1. a completed application form
2. copy of your resume
3. official transcript from all colleges attended
4. three letters of recommendation, one of which must come from a faculty member of your current university
5. an essay responding to the following three questions:
 - a. How have you led or worked within a group to achieve a common goal?
 - b. Describe an ethical dilemma that you faced and how you resolved your difficulty.
 - c. Why have you chosen the field of Supply Chain Management?

Please take care in writing your essay answers. This is a very important part of the application process. It is through your essay that you differentiate yourself from other applicants.

The Selection Process

Applications are reviewed by representatives of the Institute for Supply Management™ to verify that the student is enrolled in an accredited program. Applications are then carefully read and a group of finalists are chosen. Two supply chain management executives interview the finalists. Lastly, Nancy Richter, Foundation President, interviews the finalists and chooses the ultimate winners. Recipients of the R. Gene Richter Scholarship will be announced by Tuesday, April 3, 2007.