



R. Gene Richter Scholarship Program

ELIGIBILITY and CRITERIA for 2009-2010 ACADEMIC YEAR

Eligible students will:

1. Be enrolled full-time in an accredited supply chain management curriculum (supply management, purchasing or procurement).
2. Enter their senior year during the 2009-2010 academic year.
3. Graduate in either December 2009 or Spring 2010.
4. Be a citizen of the United States or Canada, or possess a valid green card.
5. Attend the Annual International Conference sponsored by ISM on May 2-6, 2009 in Charlotte, North Carolina.
6. Sign a contract pledging that the monetary award will be used for educational expenses (this includes living expenses).

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- **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 in one of the organizations. 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.

Winners of the R. Gene Richter Scholarship are awarded \$5,000 (December graduates will be awarded \$2,500), for educational expenses. In addition, Richter Scholars are enrolled in a mentoring program where they are paired with an executive in supply chain management and a previous Richter Scholar winner. Current-year recipients are invited to attend the Annual International Supply Management Conference sponsored by ISM in Charlotte, North Carolina, May 2-6, 2009. They will also be the guests of honor at a special Richter Awards Presentation Dinner on Sunday, May 3. Richter Scholars will be escorted to this banquet by their mentors. One year after graduation (May 2011) and completion of real-world experience in the field of supply chain management, Richter Scholars are invited to participate in an invitation-only Power Conference for the executive leadership of the profession held concurrently during the ISM Annual Conference.

Scholarships are awarded through the Institute for Supply Management™'s R. Gene Richter Scholarship Fund and through the R. Gene and Nancy D. Richter Foundation.

Application period opens January 5, 2009 and closes on February 20, 2009. For more information on the application process, go to the R. Gene Richter Program Foundation Web site at www.richterfoundation.org or the ISM Web site, www.ism.ws, click on Education, Scholastic Opportunities.