



THIRD-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP 2023 Application

Guidelines & Eligibility

The Recycling Education and Research Foundation (RERF) is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization associated with the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries (ISRI). The Foundation's core mission is to sponsor projects that promote public awareness, education, research, and the advancement of recycling.

The RERF Third-Year Undergraduate Scholarship award is \$2,500 and is available to ISRI member company employees and their dependents. Applicants must be entering their third year of studies. The award will be paid directly to the educational institution, not the recipient.

This scholarship is based on merit and not financial need.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. All application materials must be submitted to RERF no later than **April 1, 2023**.
2. Applicants will be notified in the last week of May 2023.
3. The Scholarship award will be paid to the school, not the student. The recipient is responsible for notifying RERF's Executive Director of any changes to their plans no later than June 30, 2023.
4. The selection of the 2023 scholarship recipient shall be made by the RERF Programming Committee.
5. To ensure the applicant's safety and privacy of their personal information, application information will not be disclosed or sold.
6. Application materials will not be returned; please keep a copy for your records.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

1. The applicant must be an employee of a current ISRI member company or a dependent of an employee of a current ISRI member company at the time of application and dispersal of funds.
 - a. Must be employed for a minimum of one year at the ISRI member company.
 - b. ISRI membership must be active at the time the scholarship is paid to the educational institute.
 - c. Applicants are responsible for notifying RERF if there are any employment changes.
 - d. Owners/principals and dependents of owners/principals of ISRI member companies are NOT eligible for this scholarship.
2. Applicants must be entering their third year of studies at an accredited four-year post-secondary institution.
3. A GPA of 2.5 or greater, supported by official college transcripts. Non-official transcripts or academic records will not be accepted.

HOW TO APPLY

Please submit the following items to RERF by the application deadline. All hardcopy mail submissions must be postmarked by **April 1, 2023**.

Completed **RERF Third-Year Undergraduate Scholarship Application Form**, signed and dated.

Completed **RERF Scholarship Release Agreement Form**, signed and dated.

A copy of official college transcripts.

A personal resume.

Two letters of recommendation* describing the personal or professional connection to the candidate without reference to financial need.

Three narratives to the following essay questions. Please limit each response to one page typed.

1. Describe your course of study and what influenced you to pursue that. Was there something that you were expecting to learn that was not included in the program?
2. What relevant event has changed your thinking about the recycling industry?
3. For your third essay, please select one of the following topics:
 - a. ISRI members are “for profit” companies that provide environmentally positive results. What skill set do you hope to gain that could benefit our industry?
 - b. Imagine you have been invited to work for the summer in any division of the ISRI recycling company where your parent works. What area of the company would you choose to work in and why?

** Letters or recommendations must be on letterhead, signed, and dated within the last 12 months. Must be submitted by the author of the letter, not by the applicant. Mail and email submissions are acceptable. All letters must be received by the application deadline of April 1, 2023.*

DEADLINE & SUBMISSION

All application materials must be postmarked by **April 1, 2023**. Email and mail submissions will be accepted. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Recycling Education & Research Foundation
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Questions? Please contact RERF's Executive Director, Emma Corning at [Ecorning@rerfoundation.org](mailto:ecorning@rerfoundation.org) or by phone at (833) 363-7373.



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3rd Year Undergraduate Scholarship Application 2023

To be eligible for consideration, applications must be postmarked by April 1, 2023.
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APPLICANT INFORMATION:

First Name _____ Last Name _____ Middle Initial _____
DOB _____ Mobile Phone _____ Email _____
Current Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

ISRI MEMBER COMPANY INFORMATION:

Company Name _____
Recycling Division / Branch (if applicable) _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

What's your relationship with the company? (Please select option from the drop down on right):

Name of parent or legal guardian employed by the ISRI member company _____
Mobile Phone _____ Email _____
Employee position at the ISRI member company _____
Employment start date (month/date) _____

EDUCATION INFORMATION:

Name of University _____
Financial Aid Office Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Student ID Number _____ Anticipated Graduation Date _____ Current GPA _____
Major _____ Minor (if applicable) _____

PLEASE READ AND INITIAL THE FOLLOWING:

- _____ I hereby certify that the information set forth in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.
- _____ I understand that I must be an employee, or the dependent of an employee, of an active ISRI member company to be eligible for the RERF 3rd Year Undergraduate Scholarship.
- _____ I agree to notify RERF of any employment changes that occur during the application period (April 1, 2023 – July 1, 2023).
- _____ The Recycling Education & Research Foundation, Inc. has the sole responsibility for selecting the award recipients based on the criteria set forth in the Application. Decisions of RERF are final.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Today's Date:** _____



RECYCLING EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION **3rd Year Scholarship Application Release Agreement**

Please type or print clearly.

I, _____
do hereby give and grant permission to the Recycling Education & Research Foundation (RERF) and the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI) the irrevocable right, permission, and license to publish, reproduce, distribute, and otherwise use (i) my name, and (ii) any photographic image or likeness of me in conjunction with the announcement of scholarship awards, promotion of the scholarship program, or other publication of information related to the scholarship program. I hereby waive all rights of inspection or approval with regard to any publication and use of my name.

Employee Eligibility and Supervisor Sign-Off Form

ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

The RERF Third-year Undergraduate Scholarship is to aid an employee or a dependent of an employee of a current ISRI member company. The applicant or the parent/guardian of the applicant must be employed at the company at the time of application, when the scholarship funds are disbursed, and for at least one year before the application date.

The applicant must confirm their employment or their parent/guardian's employment at the time the award is conferred. If employment status has changed since the applicant applied, the applicant should notify RERF.

**Dependents of principals and owners are not eligible.*

The employee's supervisor must sign the statement below confirming employment and title.

Supervisor (Name & Title): _____

Employee (Name & Title): _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____