

MINNESOTA COOPERATIVE EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Edward Slettom Cooperative Leadership Scholarship

2012 Scholarship Application for College Students

The MINNESOTA COOPERATIVE EDUCATION FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP is available to Minnesota college students pursuing careers relating to cooperatives. The award is based on scholastic achievement, leadership, and an ability to contribute to co-ops in the future. Students do **not** need to be graduating seniors to apply; any class level is eligible but the scholarship will not be awarded to the same student in consecutive years. \$750 will be awarded to the winning applicant.

Name – Last		First, Middle	Telephone Number ()	
Address (YOU CAN BE NOTIFIED AT)		Street, PO Box, or Route	City	State Zip Code
Email Address			Fax Number	
Hometown Newspaper Name:		Phone:	Fax:	Email:
Undergraduate College Attended		City	State	Zip Code
Graduate School Attended		City	State	Zip Code
Course of Study in Which You Are Enrolled		Current GPA/Class Rank	Is this the _____1st _____2nd _____3rd year of your program?	
School Newspaper/Newsletter		Phone:	Fax:	Email:

Please include a short, one paragraph biography about yourself should you be awarded the scholarship. You will also be asked to provide a photo for a press release if you are awarded the scholarship.

To School Officials . . .

- Post scholarship notice and application
- Distribute application to qualified students

To Students . . .

Your application must include:

- This completed application form
- Your undergraduate and current graduate transcripts
- Two completed recommendation forms from current or former employers, school officials, professors, mentors, etc.

Applications due by March 1st to andrew.duerr@cooperativenetwork.coop or:

Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation
400 Selby Avenue, Suite Y
St. Paul, MN 55102-4520

How will this scholarship help you? _____

ACTIVITIES

(Attach additional sheets if necessary.)

Describe any co-op-related and leadership programs, activities or projects you have been involved in undergraduate school or at any other time.

In your opinion, why are cooperatives important to our communities? What role do you see cooperatives taking in the future in Minnesota?

What are your career goals upon graduation, and how do they relate to co-ops? Please explain why you are pursuing a career that will involve co-ops.

VIDEO ESSAY (Option #2)

This year, we are excited to offer scholarship applicants the opportunity to move outside of the traditional essay format. If you would prefer, you can answer the essay questions from option one above in a video format and submit the video in digital format with the application. You should burn the completed video onto a DVD or CD. The project can answer the questions as creatively as you choose, but please make sure each of the questions is touched on during the short video. The strongest videos will (1) explain your relationship with co-ops, (2) educate viewers on why co-ops are important to your community and the state, and (3) do all this without you simply standing in front of a camera and speaking your answers. Note: Once submitted, videos become property of the Cooperative Network and may be uploaded onto the organization's website and/or Facebook page.

To the best of my knowledge, the material contained in this application is true and complete.

If I am selected as a recipient of this scholarship, I give my consent to the Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation to disclose my name for use in press releases and other communications promoting the Minnesota Cooperative Education Foundation Scholarship Program.

Signature

Date

Edward Slettom Cooperative Leadership Scholarship Recommendation Form

NOTE TO STUDENT: Have two people complete separate copies of this evaluation form. These references must not be relatives, but need not be school officials.

NOTE TO EVALUATOR: We would appreciate your observations and opinions about the applicant in the following areas. Your evaluation will be given considerable attention by the selection committee. Please be as specific and objective as possible. Include specific examples when possible. *This information will be treated in a confidential and professional manner.*

Evaluator Name _____ Title _____

Organization _____ Phone _____

Email Address _____

Cooperation: Consider willingness and ability to work with people in various capacities.

Leadership: Consider ability to motivate a group of people in a desired direction. Please comment on the individual's leadership traits.

Career Potential Strengths/Weaknesses: Consider the applicant's potential in terms of his/her career goals, contribution to the workplace. If the applicant has developed any expertise in the area of cooperative businesses, please comment on that specific experience.

Additional Comments: _____

Signature of Reference

Date