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Craig Longardner Scholarship

The Craig Longardner Scholarship Award is presented to an individual applicant pursuing a degree in logistics, transportation or supply chain management at an accredited university. Craig Longardner has been an advocate of establishing and guiding the MARS scholarship program.

Who is Eligible?

Scholarships are offered to applicants who are enrolled as full-time undergraduate students at accredited four-year colleges or universities majoring in logistics, transportation or supply chain management. All applicants must show a demonstrated commitment in the program in which they are enrolled.

What are the application requirements?

1. The completed application form and all required documentation, including official transcripts (If transcripts can only be mailed in hard copy, please send email to this effect and a mailing address will be provided.) must be submitted electronically no later than **JANUARY 31, 2027** to MARSScholarships@mwrailshippers.com. Applications with postmark date after this date will not be accepted.
2. Personal Statement addressing the following:
    a. Why have you chosen this field of study?
    b. Why have you chosen this particular college or university?
    c. What are your professional short- and long-term objectives?
3. If available, additional listing of extracurricular activities and/or work history

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How are recipients selected?

Scholarship recipients will be chosen from qualified students who meet the eligibility requirements, complete the application meeting all requirements, and submit before the application deadline on January 31st. Scholarship applicants will be selected according to merit on a competitive basis. The scholarship committee will select the recipients by evaluating each eligible student's academic performance, personal statement, commitment to the program in which they are enrolled, and community involvement in the way of extracurricular activities and employment history.

What is the amount of the scholarship(s)?

Each year, the MARS Scholarship Committee will select one recipient for the Craig Longardner Scholarship. In years where the committee identifies an additional highly qualified candidate, a second scholarship may be awarded at the committee's discretion. The Award amount(s) will be determined by the MARS Scholarship Committee based on the strength of the applicant pool and the committee's goal of providing meaningful financial support to exceptional students.

Please note:
It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that the scholarship committee receives all required application materials. It also the responsibility of the applicant to make sure that ALL application requirements are met. If not, applications will be ineligible.

Applications must be completed on line at https://www.mwrailshippers.com/scholarships/scholarship-application/ and any required supporting material should be returned to:
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Scholarship Committee
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Questions regarding this application can be addressed by emailing the association at **MARSScholarships@mwrailshippers.com.**