



David Christoff Memorial Safety Scholarship

Guidelines & Application



Springfield/Clark County Safety Council David Christoff Memorial Safety Scholarship

The Springfield/Clark County Safety Council (SCCSC) has established the David Christoff Memorial Safety Scholarship to honor and encourage more high school seniors, college students and safety council member company employees to pursue studies in the safety and health field. This will further assist companies in attaining a safer working environment.

Sergeant David R. Christoff, a 1999 Shawnee High School graduate, was killed in action on May 22, 2006, while serving his country in Iraq. David was on his second tour of duty in Iraq having voluntarily re-enlisted so that he could return and provide needed leadership and training to help ensure the SAFETY of his fellow Marines. David was a highly decorated war veteran, deeply committed to his country, family, and the Marine Corps. Born on January 22, 1981, David was laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery on May 31, 2006 at the age of 25.

The Steering Committee has agreed to set aside \$1000 of our subsidy from the BWC's Division of Safety & Hygiene to create funding for the scholarship awards. It is the desire of the SCCSC that the number of scholarships awarded and the size of the program grow to benefit organizations and individuals interested in making the environment and working conditions safer for all employees and the public.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. Membership:

- a. Applicants must be employed by a member company of the SCCSC or be children or stepchildren of member company employees.

- b. Member's of the SCCSC must be member companies in good standing and in compliance with guidelines establish by the Ohio BWC.

2. Scholarship Requirements:

- a. Applicants must have at least a 3.0 on a 4.0 scale verified by High School or College transcripts to qualify for the SCCSC Scholarship.
- b. Applicants must be presently enrolled or planning to enroll in an undergraduate course of study at an accredited two or four year college or university. Those attending Grad School are also eligible.
- c. Applicants must take a course in the field of safety, industrial hygiene, public health, risk management or other courses relating to safety and health.
- d. Applicants shall submit an essay of between 300 to 500 words on the following: "Why safety is important in the workplace and what it means to you and the environment".

3. Character:

- a. The applicant must be of good moral character.
- b. The applicant must submit at least two character references from non-relatives (ministers, teachers, employers, etc).

Amount of Awards: The total amount of scholarship available is at the discretion of the committee. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to withhold awarding a scholarship(s).

Administration of the Program: The SCCSC will administer the program with the assistance of Clark/Shawnee School Administration.

Applicant Responsibilities: Interested students and member company teammates must complete the scholarship application and mail it along with a current, complete official transcript of grades to Springfield/Clark County Safety Council, 20 South Limestone Street, Suite 100, Springfield, OH 45502, no later than the last day of May for 2008 and every year after no later than the last day of April of each year.

Note: On-line transcripts and grade reports are not acceptable.

Applicants are responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information. Applications are evaluated on the information supplied; therefore, please answer all questions as completely as possible. Incomplete applications will not be evaluated. All information received is considered confidential and is reviewed only by those involved with the administration of the Scholarship.

Selection of Recipients: Scholarship Award recipients are selected based on the following criteria as stated in the application:

- a. academic record
- b. demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities
- c. honors or awards
- d. work experience
- e. goals and aspirations
- f. unusual personal or family circumstances

Financial need is not considered: Selection of recipients is made solely by SCCSC Scholarship Committee. All applicants agree to accept the decision of SCCSC Scholarship Committee as final.

Not all applicants to the program will be selected as recipients. Awards are not renewable; however, those that are eligible may reapply to the program each year they meet the eligibility requirements.

Announcement and Distribution of Award(s): Award recipients will be notified on or about the last day of May of each year. Payment of awards will be made in one installment per academic year by the SCCSC Committee and Clark/Shawnee School Administration. Checks are made payable to the school for the student. Awards may be used to pay tuition, books, lab fees, room and board or other educational expenses.

Recipient Obligation: Recipients are required to supply the SCCSC with complete transcripts when requested and to notify the safety council of any changes of address, school enrollment, or other relevant information. The applicant is solely responsible for gathering and submitting all necessary information for the application process. The SCCSC reserves the right not to process applications found to be incomplete as of the application deadline.

Revisions: SCCSC reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of this scholarship program and make changes at any time, including termination of the program.

Additional Information: If you would like more information about the scholarship call 937-325-7621 and ask for a phone number to one of the members of the Springfield/Clark County Safety Council Steering Committee.

Waivers: Waivers for grade point averages and transcripts may be granted for teammates of member companies who have been out of school for long periods of time. This is grantable by the Scholarship Committee on a case by case basis.

NOTE:

If a scholarship is awarded to other than full time students the amount of scholarship is adjusted to the cost of the class and supplies not to exceed the \$1000.



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Please Print or Type

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

Safety Council Member (Company Name): _____

Employee Name: _____

Relationship: _____

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name (Last, First, MI): _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address (PO Box or Street): _____

Phone Number(s): _____

HIGH SCHOOL/COLLEGE RECORDS

High School Name: _____ Grade point average: _____

College Name: _____ Grade point average: _____

List any extracurricular/volunteer activities: _____

List any leadership positions held and/or any special awards: _____

FAMILY INFORMATION

Father (Last, First, MI) _____

Address (PO Box or Street): _____

Mother (Last, First, MI) _____

Address (PO Box or Street): _____

COLLEGE INFORMATION

List colleges you are considering (in order of preference):

List colleges to which you have been accepted:

What is your planned field of study or major: _____

STUDENT COMMENTS

In your own words explain “Why safety is important in the workplace and what it means to you and the environment”. (Use a separate sheet of paper, 300 to 500 words).

REFERENCES

Include two letters of reference in sealed envelopes. The writers should have known you for at least six months (non-relatives)

SIGNATURES

Applicant’s Signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature (if under 18): _____

How did you find out about this scholarship: _____
