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U.S. Green Building Council Long Island Chapter

2016 Green Scholarship

Guidelines

The Long Island Chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC-LI) is pleased to offer (3) three one-time scholarship awards to Long Island high school students. Applicant must be a high school senior (grade 12) residing in Nassau or Suffolk County who plans to enroll during the 2016 academic year at any accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Awards are for undergraduate study only.

The scholarship seeks to recognize and support those individuals who are committed to enhancing and promoting sustainability in our community. For 2016, the scholarships will be tier-valued as follows:

(1) "Platinum" Scholarship \$ 1,000.00

(1) "Gold" Scholarship \$ 750.00

(1) "Silver" Scholarship \$ 500.00

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be Long Island (Nassau County or Suffolk County) resident high school seniors (grade 12) in good standing, who plan to enroll during the 2016 academic year at any accredited two-year or four-year college, university or vocational-technical school. Awards are for undergraduate study only.

Evaluation Criteria

Applicants will be judged on the strength of their academic and extracurricular achievements and their interest in and commitment to environmental and sustainability issues, as documented in their application. Students are not expected to have specific knowledge of the USGBC LEED rating system or building and environmental sciences.

The USGBC-LI Green Scholarships are not need-based scholarships and may be awarded to anyone who meets the aforementioned criteria as determined by a selection committee comprised of USGBC-LI members. Failure to enroll in classes for the 2016 school year will result in forfeiture of the scholarship award.

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Awards are to be used for education-related expenses. Awards are not renewable. Prior winners of USGBC-LI scholarships are not eligible for the 2016 USGBC-LI Scholarship. Students who were not awarded a prior USGBC-LI scholarship may reapply for the scholarship each year that they meet eligibility requirements, provided the scholarship is offered in subsequent years. USGBC-LI is not responsible for undeliverable mail or technical malfunction. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the delivery of the final application to USGBC-LI by the due date specified.

Revisions

USGBC-LI reserves the right to review the conditions and procedures of the scholarship and to make changes at any time, including termination of the scholarship.

Payment of Scholarships

Payment of awards will be made in one installment on or about June 9, 2016. **A check will be awarded to each respective recipient at the USGBC-LI Gala, the night of June 9, 2016 at the Huntington Hilton. Each scholar recipient will receive 3 free tickets; additional tickets will be available for purchase.** In a recipient's absence, a check will be mailed to the recipient's home address.

Obligations of Scholarship Applicants

It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure the delivery of the final application to USGBC-LI by the due date specified.

Please e-mail questions only to scholarship@usgbc-li.org.

Obligations of Scholarship Recipients

In order to receive a scholarship award, recipients are required to notify USGBC-LI in a timely manner of any change in address, school enrollment or other relevant information and to send a complete transcript when requested.

Publicity Release

In exchange for consideration for this scholarship, all applicants and/or their guardians hereby give permission to USGBC-LI to use their name and photographic likeness in all forms and media for advertising, trade, and any other lawful purposes.

The applicant's signature and/or guardian's signature (if applicant is under 18 years of age) on page (7) seven of this document clearly demonstrates acknowledgement and full agreement to the above publicity release.

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Please answer the essay questions in the following format: Approximately 500 words single spaced (1.0) on white letter sized sheet (8.5x 11), using 11 pt. Times New Roman-regular font.

Essay 1

Many criticisms of Long Island development have been directed at the planning and zoning requirements that have brought us to what is negatively described today as "suburban sprawl." What path do you see for Long Island to resolve and someday eliminate suburban sprawl? Discuss resource allocation, transportation, economic development and future climate change challenges. If you were to wave a magic wand over Long Island, or knowing what we know now and you were able to plan and zone Long Island from the pristine condition of 1650, what would you change and what would your idyllic sustainable Long Island look like? How can we begin to apply those ideals to today's Long Island?

Essay 2

The USGBC has always promoted the concept of the triple bottom line as a test to confirm the value of a process or endeavor that is socially responsible, economically viable and environmentally sensitive. How do you see future means to influence individuals, businesses, and governments to aspire to comply with the win, win, win strategy? Can you give some real world examples of where the triple bottom line has been applied, and how all involved benefitted without detracting from any? Today's society runs on the notion that there can be no winner without a loser, or the true costs of a given project or initiative are hidden. Give real world examples of the impact of inexpensive goods and explain who and what bears the true cost and how the triple bottom line can be applied. Discuss your notion of applications of the triple bottom line in Long Island's future.

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Letter of Recommendation

A letter of recommendation is required for all applicants. Upon submitting a letter of recommendation, please list the contact information for the person who wrote the letter on your behalf. This individual should be someone who knows you well and can speak to your academic abilities, interests and work ethic, preferably a teacher, volunteer coordinator, supervisor, or employer. The letter of recommendation cannot be from a relative.

Have your letter of recommendation returned to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal. Please mail the signed unopened envelope together with the rest of your application.

Letter of recommendation written by (name): _____

School/Department/Organization: _____

Title: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email Address: _____

Daytime Phone: _____

Recommender's relationship to applicant: _____

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Personal Information

Student's Name: _____

Today's Date: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

Best Method of Contact

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

Email: _____

**Please be advised that decisions will be sent by email.*

Educational Information

Name of High School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone: _____

High School Average: _____ High School Rank out of:

SAT or ACT Composite: _____ How did you hear about this scholarship?

***Optional, but recommended:** List work and employment you have held during your high school years, or attach a resume including this information.

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Required Application Material

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Please be advised that late submissions will not be accepted. Please send complete applications to:

U.S. Green Building Council Long Island Chapter

c/o Scholarship Committee

150 Motor Parkway
Suite LL80
150 Motor Parkway
Hauppauge, NY 11788

***For questions only, e-mail: scholarship@usgbc-li.org**

****Application material will not be accepted via e-mail**

Applications must contain the following to be considered:

- Essay 1
- Essay 2
- Copy of official high school transcript
- One letter of recommendation (from someone other than a relative)
- Additional information (**optional, but recommended**), i.e. volunteer work, resume, project, work experience.

All requested fields must be completed and legible. Do not leave blanks.

Scholarship applications are available for electronic download at the USGBC Long Island web-site: www.usgbc-li.org.

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Notification

All scholarship winners will be notified via e-mail on or about May 27, 2016. Scholarship winners will be invited to an awards ceremony on or about June 9, 2016. Complete details of this event will follow.

Questions? Email: scholarship@usgbc-li.org and we will be happy to assist you.

The U.S. Green Building Council Long Island Chapter is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization of community leaders, professionals and volunteers working to make green buildings available to everyone within a generation. For more information about USGBC-LI, please visit www.usgbc-li.com.

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Additional Information (optional)

Although not required to complete the application, you have the option to submit additional information that you feel would highlight an aspect of your interest in green building or sustainability that was not touched on in any other part of the application. This additional information will be considered as additional merit towards your overall application rating if deemed applicable. Examples include an excerpt from a research paper or original project, photographs, artwork, or original writing. Please do not submit an extra letter of recommendation.

Signature(s) Required

By signing below I authorize that the information submitted within this application is accurate and current to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____

Date: _____

**Signature Parent/Guardian: _____

Date: _____

**(for applicants under the age of 18)

***By signing above I (we) agree to the publicity release documented on page two (2) of this USGBC-LI 2016 scholarship application document.

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Hauppauge, NY 11788

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Checklist!

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- Essay 1 Response, Required
- Essay 2 Response, Required
- Copy of official high school transcript
- One letter of recommendation
- Additional information (*optional*)

Thank you for your application!