



Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

The Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (MBREC) is once again searching for deserving student applicants for its scholarship program. MBREC will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a student pursuing undergraduate studies in the areas of biomass science, technology, economics, or policy. The scholarship applicant must be a Mississippi resident and attending any in-state university or community college. More information regarding eligibility and the selection process can be found in the attachment or on the Council website at www.ms-biomass.org.

Applications must be received by April 15, 2011.

MBREC wishes to expand the interest and understanding of biomass-related opportunities among the students of Mississippi colleges and universities. Council members are proud to sponsor this scholarship and hope to spur new and continued interest in biomass utilization and renewable energy technologies in Mississippi.

The winner of the MBREC scholarship will be recognized at the 2011 Southern BioProducts and Renewable Energy Conference to be held at the Beau Rivage Resort Hotel in Biloxi, MS on May 10-11, 2011.

This will be the sixth scholarship to be offered by the Council. Past recipients have conducted research on value-added by-products from biofuels production, using cultivated microbes in a biofermentor to produce ethanol, focused on the development of formaldehyde-free particleboards employing a soybean protein-based adhesive, and researched bio-based monomers for use in architectural coatings.

MBREC membership includes representatives from agriculture, forestry, recycling, power generation, manufacturing, state and local government agencies, higher education, research, and individuals interested in enhancing the state's biomass resources, increasing economic opportunities for biomass, and promoting renewable systems. The MBREC was created in 1998 and incorporated in 2000 as a nonprofit corporation.

The Mississippi Technology Alliance-Strategic Biomass Solutions program is proud to sponsor this scholarship and hopes to spur new and continued interest in biomass utilization and technologies in Mississippi. Please contact me at 601-977-4238 or awhittington@msfb.com should you have any questions regarding the scholarship program. We appreciate your assistance in promoting this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

Andy Whittington

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Scholarship Program

IMPORTANT

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MBREC, INC.
BY April 15, 2011

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. One scholarship will be awarded through the Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council Scholarship Program in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a student who is a resident of the State of Mississippi and is attending any in-state university or community college.
2. Payment of the scholarship will be made in two (2) equal installments during the two (2) semesters (Fall & Spring) of the applicable school year.
3. Payment will be made directly to the university or community college in the student's name upon notification of student's enrollment in a course of study approved by the selection committee. If, for any reason, the recipient fails to enroll or does not enroll in an approved course of study at the beginning of the fall semester, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate recipient chosen in the initial selection process.
4. To be eligible to receive the second (spring semester) payment, the student must again be enrolled in an approved course of study and must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 during the first semester. A letter from the university or community college documenting these two (2) requirements is required.
5. If the funds for the second semester are forfeited, that money will be placed in the Mississippi Biomass Council Scholarship Program budget.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. He and/or she must enroll in or already be enrolled in undergraduate studies that relate to biomass science, technology, economics, or policy issues at a Mississippi university or community college.
2. He and/or she must submit a fully completed application and supporting material by the established deadline.
3. The applicant must have completed at least one full semester of college courses.
4. The applicant must be a Student-Member of the Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council. There is no fee for student membership. To become a Student-Member, go to <http://ms-biomass.org/>.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection of the recipient using the following criteria:

Scholarship Performance	30%
School Activities	10%
Leadership Qualities	20%
Essays	20%
Financial Need	20%

The following information and materials should be submitted with the scholarship application:

1. A transcript or official letter containing high school and college grades, including your ACT score.
2. A list of extracurricular school activities signed by a school official or advisor.
3. A letter of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities from a school official.
4. One (1) essay:
 - A. 400 words or less on the topic: "Why I am Considering a Career in Biomass Science/Technology/Economics/Policy (select one) and Why I am Applying for this Scholarship."
(Be sure to include any factors relating to financial need, etc.)

Application and supporting materials should be mailed to:

***Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council
Scholarship Program
Attn: Andy Whittington
PO Box 1972
Jackson, MS 39215-1972***

Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council
2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street/Route) (City) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): _____ Current Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Age: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____ Age: _____

No. of Dependent Children: _____ Age (s): _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Course of Study: _____

Advisor: _____

I certify that the above listed and attached information is true and correct.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Applicant)

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