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To Whom It May Concern:

Merit Contractors Association of Manitoba is a nonprofit Association dedicated to serving the needs of employers and employees in the open shop construction industry. By definition "open shop" is a place of work where employees are not required to join a labor union as a condition of employment. Currently, approximately 70% of the construction industry in Manitoba is open shop.

Merit Manitoba offers a comprehensive, cost effective health benefit plan, as well as construction management training courses, tuition bursary refunds to apprentices, and high school scholarships. We also advocate, with Government agencies, on behalf of open shop construction.

Merit Manitoba implemented a High School Scholarship in 2012, but since inception it has only been available to the children of Merit Manitoba members. *****New for 2017*** The scholarship, of \$500, is now open to all graduating high school students, who meet the criteria of entering post secondary education in a construction related field. This post secondary education can be in the Trades, Engineering, Interior Design, etc., taken at a Manitoba College or University.**

There is one scholarship, in the amount of \$500, available per high school, to a maximum of 50 awarded throughout Manitoba. If there is more than one student per high school applying for the scholarship, the first consideration will be given to the applicant who is a Merit Manitoba member, or who has a parent that is a Merit Manitoba member. If this is not applicable, we would ask that, should there be more than one candidate, the decision of the award winner be made by a school representative, based on the display of most professional promise in the field of study.

Can you please make this application form available to all graduating students who meet the criteria. **The application deadline is May 31, 2017.**

We would ask that the scholarship award winner be recognized in the manner that is customary in your school, whether it is by way of an announcement in the graduation program, a newsletter, or presentation at convocation. If preferred, a representative from Merit Manitoba could come out and do the actual presentation. Please contact us to check on availability.

Sincerely,

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Scholarship Opportunity

Merit Contractors Association of Manitoba

Merit Manitoba recognizes the importance of post-secondary education - whether it's university, college or technical training. Merit Manitoba now offers a \$500 scholarship award to help with the expenses of first year post-secondary education.

Qualified High School Students are:

- residents of Manitoba
- enrolled, or applying to enroll, in a degree or diploma program in the study of a construction trade or a construction related occupation or profession at University or College

One award will be given per high school. Where there is more than one applicant attending the same high school the award will be given to the student who:

- is a member of, or has a parent who is a member of, the Merit Contractors Association of Manitoba, and/or
- displays the most professional promise in the field of chosen career.

The selection of the recipient will be made by the High School Representative.

Proof of enrolment for first year of post-secondary education is required prior to issuance of scholarship cheque.

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Scholarship Application

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- is a resident of Manitoba
- is enrolled, or applying to enroll, in a degree or diploma program, in the study of a construction trade or a construction related occupation or profession at University or College.

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Student name: _____

Address (including postal code): _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Name of current High School: _____

Name of High School Representative: _____ Phone number: _____

School of Post-secondary Education: _____

Area of Study: _____

Application deadline is May 31, 2017. Please submit the application to the high school currently attended by the student. The successful applicant will be chosen by the high school representative. Once selected, the application for the award winner should be forwarded to the Merit Manitoba office at the address below, along with the contact information for those responsible for selecting the scholarship recipient.

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