Billy D. Young Memorial Scholarship

The NSC Construction & Utilities Division honors Billy D. Young – the first NSC Public Utilities Division chair – with this scholarship in his name. Given to students who are pursuing a career in safety in the utilities industry, the Billy D. Young scholarship provides the winner a $2,000 tuition award.

All Billy D. Young Memorial Scholarship recipients are also provided the opportunity to attend the NSC Safety Congress & Expo at no cost, with access to technical sessions, keynote addresses, an Expo of over 1,000 exhibitors and networking events. The NSC Safety Congress & Expo is the world’s premier annual safety event, bringing together 14,000 occupational safety and health professionals from various industries.

Scholarship rules and guidelines

Eligibility
- Students seeking post-secondary education leading to a career in safety in the utilities industry
- Students attending community colleges, technical programs, apprenticeships or bachelor’s degree programs within the United States (both in-person and online), enrolled full-or part-time, and graduating no earlier than May 2023
- Part-time candidates may receive a prorated award
- Applicants not employed in a full-time position at the time of application will receive priority
- For those who are attending programs without EHS majors, at least 25 percent of course work each semester must be safety-related

Application and selection
- To be considered, applications must be fully completed and submitted online no later than April 1, 2022
- One letter of recommendation must be submitted with the application
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- Completion of an application does not guarantee a scholarship award
- Finalists will be notified in May 2022
  - Finalists will be asked for additional information, verification of claims and to supply transcripts
  - Finalists must pass a media review, and will need to reveal any criminal history prior to final submission
  - Criminal history may be a factor in the decision whether or not to award the scholarship
- NSC staff and volunteers will have access to the information provided on all applications
Award Information
• Recipients will receive a check in the amount of $2,000 payable to the university/college
  - The $2,000 award may be prorated if the recipient is not a full-time student
  - Recipient will need to sign an acceptance agreement stipulating use of funds for tuition, books and supplies

NSC Safety Congress & Expo Attendance
• This scholarship will fully fund attendance to the NSC Safety Congress & Expo including registration, transportation, lodging, and per diem
• All travel arrangements are completed by the National Safety Council system; other reservations or travel arrangements will not be reimbursed
• The total value of this scholarship varies annually by location of the NSC Safety Congress & Expo and by recipient due to variance in travel costs from around the country

Application Details
Please note, this is intended for planning purposes only. No paper or emailed applications will be accepted. Applications are accepted at Submittable.com.

Essays:
• Why did you choose to study safety? (limit 500 words, approximately one page, single-spaced)
• What are the most important issues in safety today? (limit 250 words, approximately one-half of one page, single-spaced)
• Why do you deserve this scholarship? (limit 250 words, approximately one-half of one page, single-spaced)

Letter of recommendation (one is required; three may be submitted)

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