



## **Central Florida Chapter 2015 Ralph W. Jones, Jr, Memorial Scholarship Awards Program**

### **PURPOSE**

The Central Florida Chapter of the Building Officials Association of Florida/International Code Council (hereafter called "the Central Florida Chapter", "the CF Chapter" or "the Chapter") has established a scholarship fund to in the memory of one of its founders and lifelong contributors to honor and to further the education of persons selected by the scholarship selection committee pursuant to the following criteria.

The award(s) will be known as the Ralph W. Jones, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Award(s) and shall be in the amount of no less than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) awarded to as many as two (2) recipients annually.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

#### **Residency**

To be eligible for this award, the applicant must be a member, dependent son or daughter or dependent stepson or stepdaughter of a member, or grandchild of a member of the Central Florida Chapter. The applicant must be sponsored by that member.

#### **Scholastic Standing**

Applicants applying as an entering freshmen must have been accepted as a full-time student, as defined by that institution, at an accredited college or community college and must have maintained a scholastic grade point average of "B" or better as defined by that institution for the two (2) years of high school study preceding their application; or if applicants are currently enrolled in an accredited college or community college, they must have carried a minimum of ten (10) hours credit or equivalent and have maintained a cumulative "B" scholastic average as defined by that institution.

Applicants shall provide documentation of the institution's letter grade equivalency for any grade point averages submitted.

#### **Letters of Recommendation**

Applicants making their initial application must furnish three (3) letters of recommendation, including one (1) from his or her CF Chapter sponsor attesting to the student's scholastic ability, character and worthiness to receive a merit award to further his or her education. Previous scholarship recipients are required to submit one (1) new letter of recommendation each year.

## APPLICATIONS

All applications and other required materials must be received by the CF Chapter Merit Scholarship Awards Chairman by the close of business on February 1, 2015 in order to be considered for that calendar year. Awards will be announced/presented at the Chapter's Annual Spring Meeting.

- Completed applications must be returned to the BOAF office:  
**Central Florida Chapter BOAF/ICC**  
**Attn: Ralph W. Jones III, Scholarship Awards Chairman**  
**3697 Lake Emma Road**  
**Lake Mary, FL 32746-6121**
- Letters of recommendation
  - New applicants – Three (3) letters required. One must be from the Chapter sponsor who shall be a member in good standing.
  - Previous recipients – One (1) new letter of recommendation.
- Transcripts and Test Scores
  - High School Seniors: A certified copy of the student's transcript for the preceding two (2) years must be included and copies of the student's SAT/ACT or other generally accepted testing service scores.
  - College freshmen: A certified copy of the college fall semester grades if you have carried a minimum of ten (10) credit hours. If you are not a previous recipient of this scholarship include a certified copy of the high school transcript and copies of the student's SAT/ACT or other generally accepted testing services scores.
  - All others: A certified copy of your college transcript(s), including all semester grades.

Please make a request with your institution to have an official transcript mailed directly to the Awards Chairman once fall grades have been processed. These transcripts will be accepted after the February 1 deadline but must be received no later than February 15.

- A research paper from the approved topic list (attached) must be submitted in typed form and double spaced. Electronic submittal in Word format is preferred. See additional requirements on topic list.

## AWARDS

The Scholarship Selection Committee shall base its awards upon

- a) scholastic achievement
- b) character
- c) worthiness
- d) quality of research paper

Awards shall be transmitted to the academic institution or the recipient for the Fall semester of study. Failure to request the funds within 180 days of the announcement of the awards may be grounds for forfeiture of the award. Any excess award funds are required to be returned to the Central Florida Chapter within the year received.

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**Applicant Information**

Full Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #: \_\_\_\_\_ Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Address at School: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone at School: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

**Education Information** (previous recipients enrolled in college do not need to complete high school information)

Name of High School: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Year of Graduation: \_\_\_\_\_

Rank in Class: \_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_ SAT/ACT: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ GPA(weighted): \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College (Undergraduate): \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Year: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of College (Postgraduate): \_\_\_\_\_

Entrance Year: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA: \_\_\_\_\_

College Financial Aid Office Address \*: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

\*This is the address to which your scholarship award will be sent. Please check with your college financial aid office to be sure the address is correct so you will receive proper credit. You will have an opportunity to give us this information after you receive notification that you have received an award.

Research paper topic: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Select from enclosed list)

**Sponsor Information**

Sponsoring Central Florida Chapter Member: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship (self, father, grandmother, etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

What involvement does your sponsor have with the building code community on a local, state and/or national level?

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Additional information about the applicant** (please feel free to attach supplemental information)

In what activities have you participated? (Scholastic, civic, volunteer, athletic, etc.)

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Reasons for applying for this award?

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What career path do you intend to follow?

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Are you a past recipient of a CF Chapter Scholarship Award?      Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**RETURN BY FEBRUARY 1, 2015 to:**  
**Central Florida Chapter**  
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## 2015 Research Paper Topics

1. Increased regulation: What are the long term implications for a building department as a result of greater and more complex regulatory responsibilities?
2. What are some ways that BOAF can solicit and encourage more positive publicity for the organization and the construction regulation community?
3. Provide a brief history of Building Code regulations and provide examples of the consequences of not having or not properly enforcing them.
4. Contrast and compare the Building Code regulations in the United States with those in the rest of the World
5. Discuss ways a Florida building department may effectively adapt to a sudden reduction of indeterminate length in construction activity. Explore both short- and long-term strategies.
6. Research/discuss employment commitment contracts for those newly hired or promoted employees whose government employers sponsor their efforts to secure Provisional licensure to qualify for the new position.
7. Present a responsible argument in favor of or opposition to mandatory licensure for inspectors, plan reviewers and building officials in Florida.
8. Develop a strategy for education of the public as to the code compliance roles and responsibilities of the designer, builder and building department and, finally the building owner.
9. Contrast and compare private provider code compliance entities with governmental code compliance entities in regards to quality assurance of inspections, citizen protection, and liability.

- PAPERS MUST BE SUBMITTED IN TYPED FORM AND DOUBLE SPACED. Electronic submittal is preferred in Word format.
- MINIMUM OF FIVE (5) REFERENCES
- MAXIMUM OF TWO (3) INTERNET REFERENCES
- MUST BE 1,500 WORDS OR MORE
- BIBLIOGRAPHY MUST BE INCLUDED
- THOSE APPLICANTS THAT HAVE PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED RESEARCH PAPERS ON ANY OF THE ABOVE TOPICS MUST SELECT A NEW TOPIC FROM THE ABOVE LIST.

The applicant agrees that his/her original material presented in this research paper is not protected by copyright or intellectual property laws and may be used by the Chapter for the purposes of advertising and/or public relations.