



2010-2011 Scholarship Application

Background

The Society for Technical Communication (STC) is the largest professional society in the world dedicated to the advancement of the theory and practice of technical communication. Through information sharing and industry leadership, STC helps professionals design effective communication for a technical world. Because technology touches everyone, STC promotes public welfare by encouraging the development of better-educated professionals whose jobs are to make complicated information usable by many.

Purpose

The purpose of this scholarship is to reward those students who are pursuing a degree in the field of technical communication and to help further their studies.

Eligibility

- Student(s) must be currently enrolled, at least part-time, in a technical communication program pursuing a Bachelor's or associate's degree.
- Student(s) must have completed at least 2 technical communication courses with a minimum grade of B in both.
- Student(s) is not required to be a current member of the STC. However, it is an excellent opportunity to join a professional community that provides students with many networking resources, information on the latest trends and issues in technical communication, and the chance to expand their technical communication expertise. Best of all, students enjoy the lowest membership fees! For membership application, please visit <http://www.stc.org/membership/join-the-society-for-technical-communication.asp>
- Students must be studying communication of technical subjects. Other majors, such as journalism, creative writing, computer science, and computer programming are not eligible for the scholarship.
- Awards are for the following academic year.

Awards

There will be one award for \$1000 to be applied to tuition and living expenses. It will be awarded at the STC-SM spring program meeting.

Deadlines

Application and all required materials must be *received* no later than Friday, February 26, 2010. Applicants will be notified, in writing, of the winning submission no later than Friday, April 9, 2010.

Note

If the applicants do not meet the eligibility requirements, or if the quality of the applications received do not merit awarding a scholarship in any given year, then STC-SM will be not required to make an award scholarship selection.

STC-SM Chapter Scholarship 2010-2011 Instructions

- Completed scholarship applications must reach the STC-SM by **Friday, February 26, 2010**. Entries received after the date will not be accepted.
- There is no entry fee.
- Completed applications need to be sent to:

STC-SM
c/o Educational Liaison
P.O. Box 1289
Ann Arbor, MI 48106
- Scholarship applications will be evaluated on the student's transcripts, experience with technical communication, and how well they are able to convey their understanding of technical communication through submission of a relevant project and essay. Please do not include your name, school, or any other identifying information on your essay or project.
- Projects, submitted in paper form, will be evaluated on how well the technical communication concepts and principles are applied to the project.
- The essay that is to accompany the submitted project will be evaluated for quality and content according to MLA guidelines. The essay needs to explain what principles of technical communication the project uses and how an understanding of those principles helped you create an effective project.
- All projects need to be submitted on paper, as we are looking for how technical communication concepts and principals are applied to the project. To supplement your submission, you may also submit an electronic copy of your project by including a working website URL *or* submitting it in PDF format only. While an electronic copy is not required to be included, it is preferred. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that an electronic copy also does not contain any identifying information within its contents.
- The essay must be 800-1000 words, with 1.5 spacing, in 12-point Times New Roman font with all 1-inch margins.
- Membership in the STC-SM is not required. For more information on how to join, please see www.stc-sm.org.
- Questions regarding the scholarship should be directed to the *Education Liaison* (educuliasion@stc-sm.com) prior to submission deadline.
- All applicants will be notified of the judge's decision no later than Friday, April 9, 2010.
- Please do not send your original work, only copies.
- **IMPORTANT:** Applicants must be sure to use a form of delivery that does not require a signature upon delivery. Delivery may be delayed if the recipient is not available to sign for the delivery, which may result in missing the submission deadline.

Personal Information

Name: _____
First Middle Last

Mailing Address: _____
Street Address

City State Zip Code

Phone Number: () _____ E-Mail: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Preferred Method of Contact: _____

Educational Background

Current College or University: _____

Department: _____ Advisor: _____

Address: _____

Class Standing: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Degree being sought: _____

Other Colleges or Universities Attended

1.) Name of School: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ Program of Study: _____

2.) Name of School: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ Program of Study: _____

3.) Name of School: _____

Dates of Attendance: _____ Program of Study: _____

