



HeritageRail Alliance

Next Generation Scholarship Application

The HeritageRail Alliance (HRA) Next Generation scholarship is for individuals interested in the railroad preservation industry. The scholarship will assist one person in attending the annual HRA Fall Conference where they will meet others in the industry, learn important topics in seminars, and gain insight into making railroad preservation work a career.

Rules and Criteria:

- Each HRA member may nominate only one person from their organization.
- Each nominee must be **under the age of 40 as of the first day of the conference.**
- An applicant may receive the award a maximum of two times.
- If chosen, the recipient must be able to attend the annual HRA Conference. If they cannot, their application will be discarded and the scholarship will be awarded to the next "runner-up" applicant. The recipient should notify Lynette Rickman, Executive Director (770-278-0088) as soon as possible so that the alternative winner has time to make all necessary arrangements.

The scholarship covers the following: The cost of registration for the annual conference, including pre-convention trips and the closing banquet, lodging, and \$750.00 towards transportation or food costs. In turn, the recipient is required to attend the activities of the conference, including the board meeting and various seminars.

In addition to this application, the applicant's sponsoring organization must include a short letter telling the committee about the individual and why they are a good choice to be selected. Letters of reference from other members, volunteers, or employees are welcome but not necessary.

Applications may be submitted by postal mail or e-mail to the address listed below by the deadline appearing on the website. All applicants will receive a short confirmation once the application is received. If you do not receive a confirmation and believe your application may not have been received, please contact us immediately.

HeritageRail Alliance c/o Next Generation Scholarship
1160 Pointclear Pl, #1618
Huntsville, AL 35824
contact@heritagerail.org

PART ONE – GENERAL INFORMATION

Name_____

Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Phone Number_____

E-mail address_____

Age as of date of Fall Conference _____

Sponsoring Organization_____

Contact Person of Organization_____

Contact Address_____

City_____State_____Zip_____

Contact Phone Number_____

Contact E-mail address_____

PART TWO – TELL US MORE

1. Please tell us about your involvement with the organization and how you value your experiences there:

2. Describe your future education and career goals as they relate to the railway preservation industry:

3. What do you expect to gain from attending the HRA conference?

4. What do you see as the biggest hardship for a young person entering the railway preservation industry? How do you think this hurdle can be overcome?

Signature of Applicant

_____Date_____

By signing above I confirm that all information I have provided is accurate.

All applications will be assigned an identifying number by the Executive Director and then reviewed in blank by the HRA Next Generation Scholarship Committee. The committee will choose award recipients, along with two alternates.

The recipient may be asked to be part of the HRA Next Generation Scholarship Committee for the following year.

Please contact Lynette Rickman, Executive Director, with any questions or concerns: 770.278.0088 / contact@heritagerail.org