



International Communications Industries Foundation, Inc.

2012-2013 Michael Vergauwen Fund Scholarship

Supporting Post-Secondary Education for a Career in the Audiovisual Industry

Instructions

The International Communications Industries Foundation (ICIF) is a non-profit charitable and educational organization chartered to support the audiovisual communications industry, bringing manufacturers and dealers together to improve the industry through education. The scholarship is for dependents of employees or employees of member organizations to pursue a technical degree to be applied to an audiovisual career or to pursue an advanced degree to be applied to an audiovisual career.

Criteria

The scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to dependents of employees or employees of InfoComm member organizations. To be considered for this scholarship, applicants must:

- Be a **spouse, child, stepchild or grandchild of an *employee of an InfoComm member organization or an employee of an InfoComm member organization in good standing at the time of application.***
- Awarded one-time only to 3rd or 4th year students of 4-year degree, 2nd year students of 2-year degree programs or graduate school candidates.
- Have a **minimum grade point average of 2.75** on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent) verified by a transcript from college attended.
 - The application requires the most current and available college transcripts.
 - Transcripts must be official transcripts and should be sent directly from each school attended to ICIF.
 - Where GPA is not based on a four-point scale please provide an explanation or equivalent.
- Provide two **letters of recommendation.**
 - A recommendation from a **college faculty or administrator** on letterhead.
 - A recommendation from a **current/previous employer** on letterhead. Students who have not been employed and are unable to furnish a letter from a current/previous employer must furnish an additional letter of recommendation from a college faculty or administrator.
- Be majoring in **audiovisual related fields**, such as **audio, video, audiovisual, radio/television/film** or another major related to careers in the audiovisual industry at an accredited post-secondary institution as a full-time or substantial part-time (minimum 9 credit hours) student where you plan to complete your degree. (Please note that students in other majors may be considered provided they can demonstrate a relationship to career goals in the audiovisual industry. For example, journalism may be an appropriate field of study for a student interested in a career in AV sales.)
- Applicants' experience will support their desire to work in the AV industry. **Evidence of completing AV related courses offered by InfoComm or other educational providers, internships or jobs in the AV industry, attendance at the InfoComm show or other direct AV experience must be provided with this application.**

A scholarship judging panel composed of industry leaders will select award recipients based upon the following: presentation of application (spelling, punctuation, etc), grade point average, AV related experience, work experience, strength of letters of recommendation and essay questions (Applicant demonstrates an interest in and understanding of the audiovisual industry. Applicant demonstrates potential as a future leader in AV. Essays are well written with required word count).

- Application Filing Deadline:** Applications must be **received by Friday, April 27, 2012.**
- Award Amount:** **\$5000** (applicable for payment of tuition only)
Awards will be sent to the school (not to students) and administered by ICIF and your college/university so that your tuition is prepaid by ICIF.
- Other Benefits:** Complimentary InfoComm student membership for one school year
- Mail Applications To:** **International Communications Industries Foundation**
11242 Waples Mill Road, Suite 200
Fairfax, VA 22030
Attn: Michael Verguawen Fund Scholarship
- or
- Fax Applications To:** (703) 278-8082
Subject: International Communications Industries Foundation
Attn: John Hardwick

Selection and Award Procedures

- Applicants will be notified of their award status via US Mail and/or email provided a current email address is provided (email is preferred). Awards are expected to be made by **early June 2012** and the winners will be posted on the Scholarship web page at www.infocomm.org/scholarships. We encourage you to check the web page for updates.
- Scholarship awards are distributed once a verification form has been **received from the recipient.**
- The awards are typically divided into two payments of \$2500 for each semester. Checks will be mailed for the first semester in August 2012. Second semester funds will be mailed upon receiving an updated verification form in January 2013.

To Learn More

Go to www.infocomm.org for information on:

- The International Communications Industries Foundation (ICIF)
- Review websites of member companies found in www.infocomm.org/membersearch to get an idea of what kinds of jobs are available in the industry or the InfoComm Job Site.

Questions

If you have any questions about this application, please contact the ICIF office at (703) 273-7200, or e-mail jhardwick@infocomm.org.



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Application Cover Sheet

Please print a hard copy of this application cover sheet and enclose it in your application package.

Name _____

Optional information

ICIF scholarships are based on merits as indicated in the information provided by the applicant. ICIF does not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, or age and encourages minority and female candidates to apply for its scholarship program.

Answers to the following optional questions can assist us in pursuing these goals and in future recruiting efforts. Candidates do not have to respond to these questions and will not be penalized for failure to do so. This information will not be provided to the selection committee.

*Please **type or print** your responses to the following optional questions.*

Gender _____ (optional)
Race _____ (optional)
Age _____ (optional)
Date of Birth _____ Age _____ (optional)

Signature (Required)

*Please **sign and date below.***

Your signature on the application below indicates your understanding and agreement with the statements in the application and instructions and your assurance that all your statements and documents are true.

Signature _____ Date _____



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Please print a hard copy of this application and enclose it in your application package.

*Please **type or print** your responses to the following.*

Section 1 — Personal Information

Student Identification Number _____ *(Student ID is required.)*

Social Security Number _____ *(If you do not have a student ID, a SSN is required if available. If no SSN is included, a Student ID number will be required prior to distributing an award.)*

If SSN is not available, your date of birth is required. Date of birth _____ DD/MM/YYYY

Last Name _____ First Name _____ M.I. _____

Permanent Address

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Phone Number _____ E-mail Address _____

Campus Address *(if applicable)*

School Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Section 2 — Eligibility

To be eligible for this scholarship, you must be a dependent (spouse, child, stepchild or grandchild) of an employee or an employee of an InfoComm member organization.

I am a _____ spouse or _____ child/stepchild/grandchild of an employee or _____ employee of an InfoComm member organization.

Employee name _____

InfoComm Member Organization _____

Address of InfoComm Member Org. _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Current Status

My status for the current school year (2012-2013) is:

- College Freshman
- College Sophomore
- College Junior
- College Senior

(Please note that current college seniors will be considered eligible if they plan to remain in school for a minimum of two terms in 2012-2013)

College Information

I have applied and gained acceptance or am enrolled in a...*(Check one)*

- 4-year Degree Program or Graduate Program
- 2-year Degree Program

...at a/an *(Check one)*

- University
- Community College
- Career/Technical
- Other _____

College/University/School Name _____

Address of Financial Aid Office

Street _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP+4 _____

Financial Aid Office Phone Number _____

Major **(Must be an AV-related field)** _____

Expected College Graduation Date (mo/yr) _____

I plan to pursue/receive a.... *(Check one)*

- Bachelor's / Graduate Degree
- Associate's Degree

Section 4 — Interests

What area (s) of the audiovisual industry do you plan to enter/continue after graduation?

Areas of specialty *(You may choose more than one option.)*

- Rental and staging (Live Events)
- AV Design
- Installation
- Sales
- Networking
- Other: _____

Types of companies *(You may choose more than one option.)*

- Dealers develop and install custom audiovisual systems solutions, such as boardrooms and conference rooms, as well as sell and rent audiovisual products.
- Rental and staging companies provide equipment rental services or produce small and large-scale events and meetings for clients.
- Manufacturers develop technologies and products that are used as the foundation of AV communications.
- Independent design consultants work with businesses, schools, hospitals, places of worship and other organizations to design systems that meet their specific needs.

Section 5 — Familiarity with the industry

Applicants' experience will support their desire to work in the AV industry. **Evidence of completing AV related courses offered by InfoComm or other educational providers, internships or jobs must be provided** with this application.

Are you an InfoComm student member?

_____ Yes _____ No

Have you attended InfoComm, the trade show?

_____ Yes _____ No

Have you completed any of the following courses?

- Quick Start to the Audiovisual Industry _____ Yes _____ No
- Essentials of the AV Industry Online _____ Yes _____ No
- Other InfoComm or AV-related courses *(Please describe.)* _____ Yes _____ No

Section 6 — Essay Questions

Please **type** your response to each of the following essays, **double-spaced** and include with your application. **(Handwritten essays will not be accepted.)** Scholarship judges will score your essays based on your ability to articulate your interest in and understanding of the audiovisual industry, ability to demonstrate your potential as a future leader in AV and essays that are well written with required word count.

Essay #1 (Word count 150-200)

What career path do you see yourself pursuing in the audiovisual industry in the next five years? Why?

Essay #2 (Word count 250-300)

What experience or person (e.g. mentor, teacher, supervisor, etc.) most influenced you in selecting the audiovisual industry as your career of choice? How?

Section 7 — Required attachments

- Please ask either one current/previous employer or two teachers or instructors to send to the ICIF **written recommendations on letterhead** that support your application for an ICIF Scholarship.

Section 8 — Other required materials

College transcripts must be official transcripts and should be sent directly from each school attended to the ICIF.

- Please have your school forward your most current and available transcript(s) for each school attended.
 - The application requires the most current and available transcripts, which should include the first semester/quarter of the current academic year.
 - Transcripts should be sent from each school attended.

End of application form



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Application Completion Checklist

Please note that incomplete, handwritten, or late applications will **not** be considered. The submission of any materials other than those requested will be discarded. Please include only what has been requested. Do **not** put materials into report covers, etc. A staple or paper clip will suffice.

To ensure your application package is complete, enclose the following in your application package:

- Completed application form (**typed**)
 - With your name on all pages
 - All questions answered/addressed, including your *student ID number, social security number or date of birth*
- Two required essays unless re-applying
 - Typed** — *Handwritten essays will not be considered.*
 - With your **name on each page**
- Signed letter(s) of recommendation
 - On **letterhead**
 - A letter from a current/previous employer or
Two letters of recommendation from a college faculty or administrator

To complete your application, your college or university should also forward:

- Current transcript (s) from each college or university attended
 - An **official transcript**
 - That includes the *current semester*

Applications must be **received by Friday, April 27, 2012.**

(Applicants are encouraged to check the ICIF website periodically for any updates or announcements of awards.)

Please mail your application to:

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*Reaching out to students to offer the support they need
to continue their education in the audiovisual industry*