

Garland E. Whitworth Memorial Scholarship

MEMORANDUM

TO: Construction Management Technology students at Southwestern Illinois College
Construction Management Technology students at John A. Logan College
Construction Management students at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

FROM: Oliver J. Coulson, Southern Illinois Builders Association, Safety & Crime Committee Scholarship Subcommittee & Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program

DATE: April 18, 2014

RE: SIBA/SICAP scholarship announcement & requirements

Students,

The Southern Illinois Builders Association, Safety & Crime Committee Scholarship Subcommittee and the Southern Illinois Construction Advancement Program are pleased to announce the availability of three **\$1,500 scholarships** for students pursuing a degree in the field of Construction Management.

A Brief Introduction to SIBA:

The Southern Illinois Builders Association (SIBA) represents the contractors who perform the majority of all non-residential construction in the 39 counties of Southern Illinois. Our contractors build virtually every type of project imaginable, including canals, churches, commercial and industrial buildings, commercial developments, locks and dams, military projects, power plants, rail transit systems, refineries, roads and bridges, schools, sewage/water treatment plants, shopping centers, storm drain systems, utility systems, and residential.

SIBA, which was established in 1945, represents over 450 construction companies throughout Southern Illinois. SIBA is the largest regional contractor association in Illinois. Contractor members range in size from small, closely-held firms doing less than \$250,000 volume per year, up to

companies performing several million dollars in volume that perform work throughout the United States and foreign countries.

Services we provide to our members include bargaining agent duties with the major construction crafts in Southern Illinois including Carpenters, Cement Masons, Laborers, Operating Engineers and Painters; two plans rooms available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week to its members at two office locations (O'Fallon and Marion) for estimating purposes, The Weekly Bidders News service, which is sent to all members, tracks over 1,500 projects per year in Southern Illinois, and we are a full service Chapter of the Associated General Contractors of America serving contractors assisting in the areas of labor relations; safety; education; construction development; EEO; and representation with awarding agencies.

Who was Garland Whitworth?

Whit, as he was better known, was the director of safety and education for SIBA for more than 16 years, allowing him to work with almost all the SIBA members. He also was an instructor for numerous safety classes, allowing him to meet countless craft workers and other students. Whit was a member of the American Society of Safety Engineers and of the National Safety Council since 1972 and received the Distinguished Service of Safety Award in 2009. Prior to joining SIBA, he was involved with several construction companies serving various roles. Whit retired from SIBA in 2008 and passed away in 2013.

In order to be eligible for these scholarships, students must:

- Write a short (1-2 page) paper on construction safety on submit to SIBA Safety and Crime Prevention Committee
- Have a minimum of a 2.5 / 4.0 grade point average (GPA) when applying for scholarship
- Have a full-time student status
- Be enrolled in a Construction Management program at Southwestern Illinois College, John A. Logan College, or Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

Students chosen for these scholarships must:

- Attend monthly Safety and Crime Prevention Committee meetings and maintain adhere to the same attendance at as other SIBA committee members (this requirement may be relaxed for students at John A. Logan College)
- Take part in a full day ride along with a SIBA company's safety manager to observe/mentor safety walk-throughs, JSA's, TBT's, etc. and to get exposure to the industry
- Maintain a minimum 3.0 GPA during the scholarship semester.

- Maintain full-time student status
- Prepare short (5-10 minute) presentation on experiences and knowledge learned throughout the year at the end of the award period

The first half (\$750) of the scholarship money will be presented at the beginning of the **fall** semester. If the students comply with all requirements, they will be awarded the second half (\$750) of their scholarship money at the beginning of the **spring** semester. For students that will graduate at the end of the fall semester, the second payment will be made once the student has gained full-time employment in the construction management field.

Papers should be e-mailed to Oliver Coulson at OJCoulson@tarltoncorp.com by **4:00 pm on Tuesday, May 13, 2014**. Papers must be in Adobe .pdf format in the following nomenclature: "last name, first name - school.pdf", i.e. "Coulson, Oliver - SIUE.pdf". Papers will be reviewed by the Safety and Crime Prevention Subcommittee at their April 18th meeting. Chosen students will be notified the following week and will be invited to start coming to the meetings in May, but their attendance will not be required until school resumes for the fall semester. Students may complete their ride along in the summer if it is more convenient for them.