



Kenneth N. Houston Memorial Scholarship

The Catawba Valley Chapter of Professional Construction Estimators Association of America (PCEA) will award scholarship money again this coming spring to deserving high school seniors and college under graduates preparing to enter construction related careers.

For more than thirty-five years the Catawba Valley Chapter of PCEA has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarship money to local students. In 1995, the Chapter's Board of Directors elected to name the scholarship program in memory of Kenneth N. Houston, who twice served the Catawba Valley Chapter as president, who had been an active member and supporter of the chapter's education committee, and who had been a respected member of the North Carolina construction community before his untimely death from cancer in 1994. The chapter is proud to memorialize Ken Houston in such a fitting manner.

Attached is an application form for this year's scholarship awards. Several scholarships, usually in the amount of at least one-thousand-dollars are awarded each year. In choosing recipients, the selection committee considers academic performance, desire to enter construction related fields, financial need, community activities, and letters of recommendation and character references. Applicants are urged to be thorough in providing information that documents academic performance, financial need, work experience – especially as it relates to construction) and service to the community. Applicants should include a letter written to the selection committee which makes clear the applicant's plans for the future, reasons for pursuing a construction related career, and that may also relate some of the applicant's personal philosophy. Applications that are neat, complete, and thorough are appreciated.

The Mission Statement of PCEA “The Professional Construction Estimators Association of America, Inc. has as its purpose to promote and improve the construction industry through education of the Association’s membership, through education of young people, and through continuing education of construction professionals and craftsmen. The Association will work to define and encourage high ethical standards of conduct among its members and will promote the fraternity of the construction industry through social interaction.”

1. Completed applications should be mailed to the address above to be received no later than March 31, 2016. The scholarship committee will announce recipients by the end of May.
2. If there are questions, please contact Lynn Nash at (828) 324-1564 or Randall Williams at (828) 514-9878.
3. The Catawba Valley Chapter of PCEA is made-up of general contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, and other professionals who make their living in the commercial construction industry.
4. Dependents of PCEA members may apply for the chapter Dependent Scholarship but are **NOT** eligible for Kenneth N. Houston scholarship awards. Applicants for the Kenneth N. Houston may also apply for the Ted G. Wilson Memorial Scholarship thru the National Office of PCEA – For additional information, visit the national website: www.pcea.org.



**Kenneth N. Houston Memorial Scholarship
Application Form**

Full Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Email Address: _____

Complete Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone Numbers: (Home) _____ (Cell Phone) _____

Parent or Guardian's Names: _____

Occupation of Parents or Guardians: _____

Do the above parent(s)/guardian(s) pay for your college education? YES NO What Percentage? _____

Do you have siblings? YES NO If Yes, Number of Siblings: _____

School You Presently Attend: _____ School Phone Number: _____

Present Grade Level: _____ Current School FAX Number: _____

College You Plan to Attend: _____ Accepted For Enrollment? YES NO

Field of Study / Major: _____

Career Objectives: _____

Work Experience: _____

Be sure to include academic transcripts, evidence of financial need (if appropriate,) letters of recommendation, information about work experience – **especially as related to construction**, school and community activities, and other information you believe might be helpful to the selection committee. The committee may elect to conduct personal interviews with finalist as a means of selecting scholarship recipients. *This form may be photocopied.*