

SEMA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION



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2008 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

The SEMA Memorial Scholarship Fund was founded in 1984 to foster leadership in the specialty equipment marketplace and to support educational goals for students pursuing careers in the automotive aftermarket. SEMA scholarships are awarded annually and have been distributed to hundreds of students in support and encouragement of their educational ambitions.

Scholarship Awards

SEMA Memorial Scholarships are available to **full time** students who are at the following levels in their educational studies:

- Graduate level studies at an accredited university or college;
- Four-year accredited university or college having completed a **minimum of 50 credit hours**;
- Three-year accredited university or community college;
- Two-year accredited community college having completed a **minimum of 25 credit hours**; and
- Vocational/technical school having completed a **minimum of 25 credit hours**.

Student Requirements

- Must be enrolled in a full-time program of study at an accredited university, college or proprietary program in the continental United States or Canada.
- Must be pursuing studies leading to a career in the automotive aftermarket or related field.
- **Expected graduation date must be 12/01/08 or later.**
- Must remain enrolled as a full-time student for the full academic year of the award.

Application Procedures

- The application must be filled out completely to be considered for a scholarship. A resume will not be accepted.
- Include a personal essay outlining reasons that you want to pursue a career in the automotive aftermarket or related field.
- Transcripts from all college or post-secondary course work completed to date; transcripts must accompany application.
- Two letters of recommendation from [a non-family member] employer, career counselor or professor on company letterhead.
- In fairness to all applicants, there can be no exceptions for late or incomplete applications.
- All incomplete applications will not be processed or returned.
- Applications must be submitted in English.

Selection Process

All applications must be postmarked by April 27, 2008. Scholarship awards will be announced in July 2008. Scholarship funds will be issued in August 2008. Canadian students need to confirm school registration and classes with a letter or receipt from their school.

All applications will be reviewed and scored by an independent panel comprised of educators and business professionals. Neither SEMA staff nor SEMA-member companies will participate in any phase of the selection or influence the decisions of the scholarship panel.

Scholarship applications and supporting documentation become the property of SEMA and will not be returned to the applicant. Do not include photocopies of personal certificates, awards or other items with this application. These items are not considered part of the application packet and will be discarded.

Application Checklist

- Scholarship application completed
- School transcripts
- Personal essay
- Two letters of recommendation on school or company letterhead and signed by author

Mail completed application and all supporting documents in one envelope to:

SEMA Memorial Scholarship
1575 South Valley Vista Drive
Diamond Bar, CA 91765
909/396-0289

Note to Canadian applicants: Review application procedures at the following website:

www.aiacanada.com or call AIA Canada at 613/728-5821

1. Information Profile - Required InformationName: _____
Last First Middle

Current Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____ Fax: () _____ E-mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____
(Complete if different from current address)

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Parent or Guardian Address: _____
(Complete if different from current address)

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____

Check one, if applicable:

SEMA member dependent or employee **PWA member or employee**

Name of SEMA-member company _____

Name of PWA-member company _____

2. Educational Program - Required Information I am enrolled in a 4-year or post graduate college/university.

Total credits earned: _____

 I am enrolled in a 3-year accredited university or community college.

Total credits earned: _____

 I am enrolled in a 2-year community college.

Total credits earned: _____

 I am enrolled in a private vocational/technical program.

Total hours completed: _____

Class standing for 2008/2009 Academic Year: Graduate Student Senior Junior Sophomore Freshman

Current Cumulative GPA or average: _____

Current School: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____ Website: _____

Course of Study: _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____

3. Continued Education/Transfer Students (Complete if different from current school)

College, university or vocational-technical program you are planning to attend to continue your schooling in the automotive field.

School Name: _____

School Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Telephone: () _____ Website: _____

Fall 2008 Spring 2009 **Faxed applications will not be accepted**

Application packets must be postmarked by April 27, 2008.

Scholarship awards are distributed in August 2008 for the 2008/2009 academic year.

The SEMA Memorial Scholarship is open to any applicant regardless of age, sex, race, creed, color, ethnic origin or personal beliefs.

SEMA employees and their families are not eligible.

4. List all extracurricular activities and community service projects in which you have been actively involved. - Required Information

5. List all of your job experiences. - Required Information

(Include self-employment and volunteer work.)

Position	Employer	Dates
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Supporting Documents (Must be included with the completed application form.)

Personal Essay

Attach a personal essay addressing your plans for the future and explain why you should be awarded a SEMA Memorial Scholarship. Explain your educational goals, personal goals and career objectives. Include your thoughts on the future of the automotive aftermarket. Your personal essay should be no longer than 500 words and printed in no larger than a 12-point font.

Letters of Recommendation

Submit two letters of recommendation from non-family members, preferably employers and/or teachers. The scholarship judges expect to review candid comments on your academic ability, motivation, responsibility and initiative. A major component for selection is your intention to enter the automotive field and your potential to succeed in the industry. Both letters must be hand signed and on company or school letterhead.

School Transcripts

Request college or post-secondary transcripts from ALL schools you have attended. Your current transcript should reflect all coursework completed through the first semester of the current school year.

IMPORTANT: All supporting documentation must accompany the scholarship application. Request your current transcript immediately. When requesting transcripts from previous schools, have the transcript sent to you, NOT to SEMA. All transcripts should be included in the application packet.

Applicant's Affidavit

I certify that the information on this application is complete and correct and that I have not attended, or am not attending, any institutions other than those listed. I understand that all supporting documents submitted with this application become the property of SEMA and will not be returned to me or duplicated for me for any reason. Should I be awarded a SEMA scholarship, I understand that my photograph will be used in association with various SEMA trade shows, for association promotion and industry publications.

Signature

Date

For office use only:

Date received _____

SEMA member confirmed _____

GPA from transcripts _____

Graduation date confirmed _____

Class standing _____