



Loomer-Mortenson Scholarship Program

Purpose

ACA International Education Foundation (ACAIEF) offers a scholarship program to provide individuals employed by or affiliated with the collection industry and their dependent children scholarships so they may further their education at post-secondary colleges, universities, community, or technical colleges.

The Awards

Since 1995 the ACAIEF Loomer-Mortenson Scholarship program has awarded thousands of dollars in numerous scholarships. In 2023 one first-place recipient will be awarded \$3,000; and other winners will receive \$1,000 each.

The Scholarship as a Memorial

The scholarship was created in 1985 and honors the memory of ACA member Robert E. Loomer and ACA staff member Irvin “Dempsey” Mortenson.

Robert E. Loomer, an ACA instructor from 1975-1984, taught a total of 44 seminars for ACA’s Education Department. He was one of ACA’s most often requested instructors and was awarded the Charles F. Lindemann Memorial award as ACA’s Certified Instructor of the Year in 1979. “Bob” was a member of the ACA National Legislative Council and a member of the 1979 class of the International Fellowship of Certified Collection Executives.

Irvin “Dempsey” Mortenson was ACA’s director of public affairs from 1973-1981. Dempsey was instrumental in negotiations with congressional committees that produced the version of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act that became law in 1978. He worked extensively to educate ACA members about the FDCPA and to develop a good working relationship with the Federal Trade Commission, which was charged with interpreting and enforcing the FDCPA.

Eligibility

To be eligible for application to the ACAIEF Loomer-Mortenson Scholarship Program, an applicant must:

- be a current employee of a company affiliated with the collection industry; or,
- be a dependent child of such.

And:

- the applicant must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours at an accredited college, university, vocational-technical college, or community college within 12 months following receipt of the award.

Individuals who won ACAIEF Loomer-Mortenson Scholarships in the amount of \$10,000, \$5,000 or \$3,000 (first, second or third place) in the prior year are not eligible for the top prize the following year. However, previous winners are welcome to apply for scholarships in the amount of \$1,000. Preference will be given to new applicants.

Selection

Scholarship recipients are selected by an independent committee appointed by the ACAEF. Not all applicants will receive an award; however, all applicants will be notified regarding the status of their applications. Recipients will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Essay - The essay topic will be the **value of consumer credit to our nation's economy**. You may choose to write either a creative story or a persuasive essay, but the successful applicants will demonstrate the importance of consumer credit in today's society. Essays may range from 700 – 1,500 words in length.
 - To allow the reviewers to know you as a person, please add an introductory paragraph. Tell us your current or last year of school (High School Senior, College Freshman, etc), summarize any work experience, and tell us about your current plans for funding your education. If your connection to the industry is through a family member or friend, please tell us the relationship and that person's job title. Your essay should not include any information that personally identifies you.
- Cumulative Grade Point Average (academic performance of applicant during high school or during college, whichever is most recent). An original official grades transcript must accompany your application.

ACAEF does not discriminate based on race, color, religion, sex, national origin, physical disability, or age. Scholarships will be awarded based solely upon the selection committee's evaluation of the materials submitted by the applicant.

Essays will be judged on both style and content and must be legible. The decisions of the ACAEF selection committee are final.

Scholarship recipients will be notified by email in late June 2023. Awarded funds will be mailed to the college or university at which recipients are enrolled. If the recipient is not enrolled at the time the award is to be made, the school will be instructed to return the award funds to the ACAEF Loomer-Mortenson Scholarship Program.

Winners agree to provide a picture and video testimonial for promotional use by the ACA Education Foundation. By submitting a Loomer-Mortenson application, you are authorizing ACAEF to use your image in any promotional or informational material produced by or on behalf of ACAEF.



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- Applications sent via U.S. Mail or delivery must be postmarked by May 15, 2023
- Emailed applications must be received by May 15, 2023

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Please print clearly and include your complete mailing address

Name _____ Date _____

Applicant Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Applicant Phone _____ Applicant Email _____

High School Attended/Attending _____ Applicant Birth Date _____

Anticipated College/Trade School _____

Address of College/Trade School _____

Anticipated Field of Study _____

Please enclose an **OFFICIAL** transcript from high school or college, whichever is most recent. An official copy is one that is certified as accurate by your high school or college. It often comes sealed in a special envelope, with some kind of college seal, and/or on institutional stationery. In essence, an official copy is a closed document so your school can assure the reader that he or she is looking at a formal, certified copy of your academic performance in school.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

To be completed by applicant or parent/guardian employed in the credit and collection industry. Please print clearly.

Name _____

Relationship to Applicant _____

Current Employer _____

Employer Address _____

Employer Phone _____

Job Title _____



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SIGNATURE & SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION Please print clearly.

By submitting this application, I grant permission for ACAEF to contact the schools and employers I listed above.

Signature of applicant _____ Date _____

Submissions are the property of ACAEF and may be printed and published in full or in part at the discretion of ACAEF. Return completed **application, essay, and official transcript** to the address below. Transcripts marked “unofficial” will not be accepted. Mailed applications must be postmarked no later than May 15, 2023 for consideration in this year’s award cycle.

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