

## **Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

The Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association is a non-profit statewide organization formed in 1980 by local civil defense directors. Its membership is composed of an extensive network of professionals from diverse backgrounds in emergency preparedness, response practitioners, emergency medical services, state, federal and local officials, businesses and industry, and academia with the common goal of improving public safety in emergencies.

The LEPA Board of Directors, recognizing the importance of education and outreach in promoting safety during emergencies, established “The LEPA College Scholarship Program” in 2000. The College Scholarship Committee administers the LEPA Scholarship Program.

The mission of the program is to raise money through LEPA sponsored activities, outside donations, and through academic partnerships to fund at least one college student scholarship each year to an individual (s) pursuing a career in emergency management. The committee shall provide guidance and recommendations to the Board of Directors on the selection process and the dissemination of funding. The scholarship winners are announced at the LEPA annual workshop held each year.

**The committee anticipates awarding up to \$5,000.00 in scholarships for the 2010-11 academic year in the following scholarships amounts: three at \$1,500 and one at \$500. Students who will be full-time students in Fall 2010 are eligible for all awards, while those who will be part-time students are only eligible for the \$500 award. Scholarship winners will also receive a two-year student membership in LEPA, along with free registration and hotel accommodations for one night at the LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop scheduled for May 3 - 6, 2010 in Lake Charles, LA. The final decision is made by a vote of the LEPA Board of Directors. Scholarship winners will be recognized at the LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop Awards Banquet on May 4, 2009.**

### **DEADLINE FOR COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION:**

**Must be received by the LEPA office no later than close of business on**

**March 31, 2010**

# LEPA COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AND OPERATING GUIDELINES

## Members of Committee (Serving Fall 2009 to Spring 2010):

Karen Price, LEM  
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Terry Heaton, LEM  
Deltha Critique

Marc L. Levitan, Ph.D.  
LSU Hurricane Center, Louisiana State University,

Lawrence Callender, LEM  
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## Committee Operating Guidelines:

- Promote the LEPA College Scholarship Program through fund raising activities, partnerships with academia and other incentives.
- Further awareness by publishing the Scholarship Program announcements on the LEPA web page, encouraging partnerships, and fostering relationships with faculty who provide instruction in emergency management and students who wish to establish a LEPA-affiliated student organization on their campus.
- Establish and update the student selection criteria, application submittal, and applicant review process.
- Provide student candidates to the LEPA Board of Directors for final decision at the final workshop planning and directors meeting.
- Assist with dissemination of funding and the presentation of the award of the scholarship at the LEPA workshop.

## **Student Selection Criteria**

- Student must be a resident of the state of Louisiana as classified by their university
- Student must be currently enrolled in an accredited university and have declared a major or minor in Emergency Management or Disaster Science and Management (EM/DSM).
- Student must be at least a sophomore at the time the award is made
- Student must obtain an overall grade point average of at least a 2.5 and at least a 2.5 on all EM / DSM coursework.
- Student must provide evidence of a commitment to a career in emergency management such as participation in appropriate professional development opportunities (seminars, workshops, professional meetings) and membership in relevant professional associations (such as the International Emergency Management Student Association, the Student Association of LEPA, or Rho Epsilon Mu or other academic Honorary Societies for Emergency Professionals).
- Student must demonstrate leadership qualities and involvement in community service activities.
- Student must complete an essay explaining career interests and goals
- Student may optionally provide information on sources of funding for the applicant's education. Financial need may be considered by the selection committee; however, the major considerations will be academic achievement and evidence of a commitment to a career in emergency management.
- Note: The announcement of scholarship awards occurs in the spring. The recipient student will be required to send proof of registration (tuition fee paid) at the start of the fall semester in order to be issued the scholarship check.

## **Student shall submit the following materials in the following order:**

- (a) A completed LEPA Student Scholarship Application.
- (b) A one page letter/ essay (no more than 500 words) of intent on why you want to pursue a career in emergency management. The letter of intent should express interest in the scholarship, describe academic and professional achievements, discuss service to the community, and identify future goals in emergency management or a related field. .
- (c) Two letters of recommendation. Letters of recommendation may be provided by former or current professors and/or employers.
- (d) Resume'
- (e) Official transcripts for all college credit completed.
- (f) Evidence of current enrollment
- (g) Optional: examples of certificates and awards, list of achievements in community events, extracurricular activities, and work experience.
- (h) Optional: statement of financial needs, including description of how applicant is funding their education.

# Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please see the scholarship guidelines and selection criteria before completing the application. Review of applications is conducted by the LEPA College Scholarship Committee and begins after March 31, 2010. The awards are announced at the LEPA/GOHSEP Annual Workshop, which will be held May 3-6, 2010 in Lake Charles, LA. The committee anticipates awarding the following scholarships to students enrolled in an accredited university: three at \$1500.00 and one at \$500.00. Part-time students are only eligible for the \$500.00 scholarship. Scholarship recipients will also receive a two year student membership in the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association. They also receive full registration to the 2010 LEPA/GOHSEP Workshop and hotel accommodations at the L'Auberge du Lac Casino & Resort on the night of the Membership Banquet (May 4) where the awards will be presented. Students must be pursuing studies in Emergency Management or Disaster Science and Management (EM/DSM). The recipient student will be required to send proof of registration (tuition fee paid) at the start of the fall semester in order to be issued the scholarship check.

Please type or print your responses for this application.

## I. PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Social Security # \_\_\_\_\_

Present address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Birthplace: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent contact/telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

State of residency: \_\_\_\_\_

## II. EDUCATION

Name of College or University	State	Dates of attendance	Degree	Major field of study	Minor field of study
				*	*

***Please check appropriate status for your anticipated Fall 2008 semester:***

Part time \_\_\_\_\_ or Full Time \_\_\_\_\_

\*must have a declared major or minor in Emergency Management or Disaster Science and Management

### III. ACADEMIC RECORD

Current classification –circle one (Fr, So, Jr, Sr, Gr-Masters, Gr-Doctoral):

Number of credit hours completed \_\_\_\_\_

Overall grade point average\* \_\_\_\_\_ (\*Attach a copy of all college-level transcripts)

Grade point average in EM/DSM major or minor coursework \_\_\_\_\_

### IV. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (employment, internships, volunteer)

Employer	City and State	Dates of appointment	Title	Responsibilities

### V. HONORS, AWARDS, PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES & OTHER RELEVANT INFORMATION

Please list below any honors, awards or professional development activities that you are currently or have been involved in the past.

## VI. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

Please attach the following documentation to this form in the order shown:

- √ brief essay/letter that explains your career interests and goals
- √ two letters of reference/recommendation
- √ current resume<sup>7</sup>
- √ current official transcript
- √ evidence of current enrollment
- √ optional: copies of certificates and awards
- √ optional: statement of financial needs/how you will fund your education

**Applications must be received by the LEPA office no later than close of business March 31, 2010. Please mail or deliver completed applications to:**

**LEPA College Scholarship Award Committee  
8550 United Plaza Blvd., Suite 1001  
Baton Rouge, LA 70809**

Signature of applicant: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\* Additional scholarship applications can be found on the LEPA website at [www.lepa.org](http://www.lepa.org). For questions, please contact the LEPA office at (225) 408-4757 or toll free at (877) 405-5372. Or, you can e-mail your questions to [lepa@pncpa.com](mailto:lepa@pncpa.com).