



**Deadline  
May 1, 2009**

## ***2009/2010 Scholarship Application***

Undergraduate students

The ARA Foundation intends to offer the following scholarships for the 2009/2010 academic year:

- Ten scholarships of \$2,000 each to college-bound applicants*
- Ten scholarships of \$1,000 each for technical/vocational applicants*
- Two scholarships of \$2,000 each for graduate-level applicants*
- One scholarship of \$3,000 to the top applicant in the name of ARA Insurance Services*

The ARA Foundation also administers scholarships for:

- ARA of Ohio (six \$750 scholarships)*
- ARA Region Two (one \$500 academic and one \$500 technical scholarship)*
- ARA Region 10/Canada (\$1,000 U.S. scholarship)*
- Texas Rental Association (five \$1,000 scholarships)*

*All scholarships will be presented to the college/university/technical school of the recipient's choice by Aug. 31, 2009. The scholarships are valid for that academic year only and cannot be held over without approval of the ARA Foundation Board of Trustees.*

### **Eligibility requirements include:**

- △ The applicant must be associated with the rental industry (either with a rental operation or manufacturer/supplier of rental equipment) by being: 1) a family member of a rental industry business owner; 2) a current employee (including but not limited to owners and managers) in the rental industry; or 3) a family member of a current employee in the rental industry. Graduate level applicants must currently be working in the rental industry with plans to continue in the industry.
- △ The undergraduate applicant must be pursuing an undergraduate education pertinent to the rental industry at an accredited university, college, community college or technical school. The candidate may be in high school and accepted by an accredited university, college, community college or technical school or be pursuing a vocational or certification program affiliated with a university, college, community college or technical school. Part-time attendance will be considered if the number of hours attending school is at least nine credit hours.  
\*\*Graduate applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program at an accredited university.
- △ Immediate family members of the ARA Foundation Board of Trustees are not eligible to win.
- △ The scholarship application, essays, school-documented transcripts and letters of reference must be completed and returned or ***postmarked by May 1, 2009***, to the ARA Foundation. Applications may be mailed to 1900 19<sup>th</sup> St., Moline, IL 61265, or faxed to 309/764-1533. Please submit all required items together in one envelope.
- △ The basis for selection will follow these guidelines: academic achievements, employment experience, volunteer and leadership activities, essay content, personal activities and references.
- △ The Scholarship Committee will review the applications in early summer 2009. The committee will notify scholarship recipients by telephone and mail. Recipients will be announced in ARA publications. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final.



**ARA Foundation Undergraduate Scholarship Application**

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*(Please type or print clearly)*

**SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION**

The information requested will be kept confidential and is for the sole purpose of scholarship selection. It will be accessible only to the ARA Foundation Scholarship Committee.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (Middle)

HOME ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_ WORK NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

FATHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

MOTHER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

PARENT'S EMPLOYER (STORE NAME) \_\_\_\_\_

STORE ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

LOCAL NEWSPAPER(S) \_\_\_\_\_

AND ADDRESS(ES) \_\_\_\_\_  
OR WEB SITE(S) \_\_\_\_\_

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
Date Received: _____
Postmark Date: _____
Rental Store Member # _____
Applicant # _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:
ARA OF OHIO: _____
REGION 2: _____
REGION 10: _____
ARA OF TEXAS: _____

How did you learn about the ARA Foundation Scholarship Program?

- Received in mail     E-mail from ARA     Fax from ARA  
 ARA Web site     **RENTAL MANAGEMENT**     State or Local Association  
 **The Rental Show**     RentalPulse e-newsletter     Other \_\_\_\_\_  
 Parent – How did they learn about the Scholarship Program? \_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION**

High School \_\_\_\_\_

Location of High School \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average \_\_\_\_\_ out of possible \_\_\_\_\_

What type of school do you plan to attend in the fall 2009?

- University/College     Community College (undergraduate program or associate degree program)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Major \_\_\_\_\_ Minor \_\_\_\_\_

Diploma/Degree Seeking \_\_\_\_\_

Date you expect to graduate \_\_\_\_\_

How many credit hours are you planning to take in the fall 2009? \_\_\_\_\_

What year of school will you be enrolled in during the 2009/2010 academic year?

- Freshman     Sophomore     Junior     Senior

Please submit a current list of courses in which you are enrolled and previous semesters' courses with grade point averages. (High school or college transcripts acceptable)

**SECTION 3: LEADERSHIP INFORMATION**

**(type or print legibly, no acronyms – spell out abbreviations and all words)**

1. Leadership Positions (scholastic or extracurricular activities)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. Honors and Awards (state nature of honor or award)

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Other Activities (volunteer activities, hobbies, personal activities, etc.)

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\_\_\_\_\_

**SECTION 4: RENTAL INDUSTRY SPECIFIC INFORMATION**

Have you worked in a rental store?

- YES (If yes, please complete the table below)                       NO (If no, please skip to the next question)

<b>Rental Store Name and Owner's Name</b>	<b>Relationship (if a relative)</b>	<b>Address City / State</b>	<b>Applicant's Position(s) Held</b>	<b>Applicant's Dates of Employment</b>

Do you intend to work in a rental store after completing your education?  YES     NO     UNDECIDED

Is the rental store you currently work at an ARA member?             YES             NO

Please list any rental industry-related activities/events you have participated in:

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Please check (√) any ARA products or services you have used:

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|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lending Library                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Ready-to-Rent Tags                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Certified Event Rental Professional (CERP) | <input type="checkbox"/> www.RentalCareers.com             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Event Rental Training Courses              | <input type="checkbox"/> Risk Management Series            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Best of Tool Tech Training                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Defensive Driving Course          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Making It Work Series                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Member to Member Online Forums    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rental Business Line Series                | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>RENTAL MANAGEMENT</b> magazine |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Card Processing Program             | <input type="checkbox"/> RentalPulse (e-mail newsletter)   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ARA Advantage Member Newsletter            | <input type="checkbox"/> ARA Foundation Focus newsletter   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Credit Report Service                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Safety Training System                     |  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> National Equipment Register (NER)          |  |

**SECTION 5-A: ESSAY INFORMATION**

Please answer the following five questions and submit on a separate piece of paper *typewritten* with the application.

1. What would be your ideal rental industry career position? Why would you be interested and enjoy that position?
2. What do you plan to do with your education after completing your education and course of study?
3. How would you let your customers know you appreciate them and their business?
4. You have been placed in charge of the store while the owner is away for a few days. A fellow employee does not come into work and doesn't call in to let anyone know. On the fourth day, the employee does come in for work; what would you do?

5. In the following scenario, please describe in detail how you would handle the situation.  
It is a slow time of year for you and the rental store you work in. What would or could you do to promote your store's business, market the store and generate more income?

### **SECTION 6: LETTERS OF REFERENCE**

Please submit with this application and completed essays three letters of reference from among two of the four following categories. **Please, no letters from family members.**

1. Current or past instructor
2. ARA member
3. Your current or former employer/co-worker
4. Community organization member

This application is made for the purpose of obtaining an ARA Foundation scholarship. I declare that all information set forth in this application is true and represents the facts as I know them and understand that copying another applicant's essay will invalidate all applications involved. I understand the ARA Foundation scholarship funds are sent directly to the educational facility to be applied to my direct tuition fees and that documentation will be required for payment of funds other than for tuition. Any unused funds must be returned to the ARA Foundation. If selected, I will be requested to submit a professional portrait (photograph) of myself for marketing purposes. All decisions by the Scholarship Committee are final.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Submit application, essays, transcripts and letters of reference prior to May 1, 2009, to:

**ARA Foundation  
1900 19<sup>th</sup> St.  
Moline, IL 61265  
Fax 309/764-1533**

**E-mail or phone for questions:**

**Jenni Venema**

**ARA Foundation Director of Development**

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**800/334-2177 or 309/764-2475, ext. 236**