



SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Human Resource Leadership Association of Eastern Connecticut (HRLA) offers two sources of financial support to Members seeking to expand their knowledge in the field of Human Resources.

1. **The HRLA General Scholarship** is for Members actively pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree, or pursuing a certification through SHRM or HRCI. The recipient of this scholarship will be required to provide evidence of enrollment in a degree program or certification prep course, prior to receiving awarded funds.
2. **The Margot Larson Scholarship for HR Excellence** supports Members seeking professional development opportunities through SHRM- or HRCI-approved seminars, conferences or similar programs.

This scholarship was created in memory of Margot Larson, a founding and lifetime member of HRLA, and past President of the organization. Margot passed away after a long battle with lung cancer in 2016. She dedicated her professional life to Human Resources, and was recognized for her HR contributions throughout the state of Connecticut, working in the private sector and as an HR consultant. She was the second President of HRLA, and was an author, coach, business leader, mentor, and friend to all who knew her. Her influence lives on through this scholarship.

All candidates for the HRLA Scholarship must:

1. Be an active, paid-in-full HRLA member, and
2. Submit a complete HRLA Scholarship Application by the application deadline.

Applications must be emailed to info@hrlact.org or mailed to HRLA, c/o Evan Murphy, 1350 Main Street, 12th Floor, Springfield, MA 01103 no later than April 1.

In evaluating each Application, the HRLA Scholarship Committee will consider an applicant's written Personal Statement, connection to and participation with HRLA and the strength of any Letters of Recommendations.

The HRLA Scholarship Committee will review the Applications and make their recommendations to the HRLA Board of Directors at the April 2020 Board meeting. Successful candidates will be notified by June 15, 2020. The HRLA Scholarship Committee will not notify unsuccessful candidates.



Scholarship Program Application

1. General Information

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____ HRLA Member Since: _____

Applying for:

HRLA General Scholarship

I am pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree

School: _____

Degree Goal: __Associates __ Bachelors __Graduate __PHd __Other

Program: _____

School Start Date: _____ Anticipated Completion Date: _____

I am pursuing a certification through SHRM or HRCI.

Certification Goal: _____

Margot Larson Scholarship for HR Excellence

Professional development program for which funds are requested: _____



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2. Personal Statement

Please attach a personal statement of not more than two pages, discussing your academic achievements, and career and personal aspirations, as well as any other relevant comments. If applicable, include a listing and description of your leadership activities with HRLA and/or in your community.

3. Letter of Recommendation

Please attach at least one letter of recommendation from a person with knowledge of your academic ability, career potential and personal qualities. Please note that recommendations from an applicant's spouse, child, and/or parent will not be considered.

Letter of Recommendation provided by:

Name: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Length of Time Known: _____

4. Certification

I certify the information I have provided herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Additionally, I give permission to use my name and/or photograph in any SHRM or HRLA press release, newsletter, or other publication including social media.

Applicant's Signature: _____ **Date:** _____