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To Whom It May Concern:

The Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council, Inc. (MBREC) is once again searching for deserving student applicants for its scholarship program. MBREC will award one scholarship in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a student pursuing undergraduate studies in the areas of biomass science, technology, economics, or policy. The scholarship applicant must be a Mississippi resident and attending any in-state university or community college. More information regarding eligibility and the selection process can be found in the attachment or on the Council website at www.ms-biomass.org.

Applications must be received by March 31, 2010.

MBREC wishes to expand the interest and understanding of biomass-related opportunities among the students of Mississippi colleges and universities. Council members are proud to sponsor this scholarship and hope to spur new and continued interest in biomass utilization and renewable energy technologies in Mississippi.

The winner of the MBREC scholarship will be recognized at the 2010 Southern BioProducts and Renewable Energy Conference to be held at the Harrah's Hotel and Convention Center in Tunica, MS on April 13-14, 2010.

This will be the fifth scholarship to be offered by the Council. Past recipients have conducted research on value-added by-products from biofuels production, using cultivated microbes in a biofermentor to produce ethanol, focused on the development of formaldehyde-free particleboards employing a soybean protein-based adhesive, and researched bio-based monomers for use in architectural coatings.

MBREC membership includes representatives from agriculture, forestry, recycling, power generation, manufacturing, state and local government agencies, higher education, research, and individuals interested in reducing the biomass waste stream, increasing economic opportunities for biomass, and promoting renewable energy opportunities from biomass. MBC was created in 1998 and incorporated in 2000 as a nonprofit corporation.

Please contact me at 601-573-4815 should you have any questions regarding the scholarship program. We appreciate your assistance in promoting this scholarship opportunity.

Sincerely,

Brent Bailey
MBREC Scholarship Committee

Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council, Inc.

Scholarship Program

IMPORTANT

APPLICATION AND SUPPORTING MATERIALS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE MBREC, INC.
BY MARCH 31, 2010

GENERAL INFORMATION:

1. One scholarship will be awarded through the Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council Scholarship Program in the amount of \$1,000.00 for a student who is a resident of the State of Mississippi and is attending any in-state university or community college.
2. Payment of the scholarship will be made in two (2) equal installments during the two (2) semesters (Fall & Spring) of the applicable school year.
3. Payment will be made directly to the university or community college in the student's name upon notification of student's enrollment in a course of study approved by the selection committee. If, for any reason, the recipient fails to enroll or does not enroll in an approved course of study at the beginning of the fall semester, the scholarship will be awarded to an alternate recipient chosen in the initial selection process.
4. To be eligible to receive the second (spring semester) payment, the student must again be enrolled in an approved course of study and must have maintained at least a 3.0 grade point average out of a possible 4.0 during the first semester. A letter from the university or community college documenting these two (2) requirements is required.
5. If the funds for the second semester are forfeited, that money will be placed in the Mississippi Biomass Council Scholarship Program budget.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:

1. He and/or she must enroll in or already be enrolled in undergraduate studies that relate to biomass science, technology, economics, or policy issues at a Mississippi university or community college.
2. He and/or she must submit a fully completed application and supporting material by the established deadline.
3. The applicant must have completed at least one full semester of college courses.
4. The applicant must be a Student-Member of the Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council. There is no fee for student membership. To become a Student-Member, go to <http://ms-biomass.org/>.

SELECTION PROCESS:

A panel of judges will review all applications and make the selection of the recipient using the following criteria:

Scholarship Performance	30%
School Activities	10%
Leadership Qualities	20%
Essays	20%
Financial Need	20%

The following information and materials should be submitted with the scholarship application:

1. A transcript or official letter containing high school and college grades, including your ACT score.
2. A list of extracurricular school activities signed by a school official or advisor.
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation on citizenship and leadership qualities from a school official and a local citizen from your community.
4. One (1) essay:
 - A. 400 words or less on the topic: "Why I am Considering a Career in Biomass Science/Technology/Economics/Policy (select one) and Why I am Applying for this Scholarship."
(Be sure to include any factors relating to financial need, etc.)

Application and supporting materials should be mailed to:

Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council
Attn: Scholarship Program
PO Box 9642
Mississippi State, MS 39762

Mississippi Biomass and Renewable Energy Council *2010 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*

Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last)

Address: _____
(Street/Route) (City) (Zip Code)

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Date of Birth (M/D/Y): _____ Current Age: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Occupation: _____ Age: _____

Mother's Name: _____

Mother's Occupation: _____ Age: _____

No. of Dependent Children: _____ Age (s): _____

School: _____

Address: _____

Course of Study: _____

Advisor: _____

I certify that the above listed and attached information is true and correct.

Signed _____ Date _____
(Applicant)

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