

# **Inland Power & Light Excellence Award**

## **For the Year 2010**

**Inland Power is proud to offer the Excellence Award Scholarship program awarding fifteen \$1000 scholarships for the 2010/2011 college year. The Inland Power Board has established the following Criteria:**

### **A. Scholarship Program Definition**

- The program is exclusively for active Inland Power members and their children. The program includes college students who can still be claimed as legal dependents of Inland Power members. (*Legal dependent is defined as one who is claimed on their parent or guardian's tax return.*)
- Owners and dependents of owners of entity members are eligible for this program provided that their principle residence is on Inland Power's lines.
- Fifteen \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded to students attending accredited schools in any state. Scholarship checks will be paid directly to colleges.
- Scholarship recipients may reapply the following. However, at least five of the fifteen scholarships awarded will be reserved for new applicants.

### **B. Scholarship Program Administration**

- An all-volunteer cooperative member committee comprised of approximately five to fifteen members will make the selection of scholarship recipients.
- Inland staff will coordinate the selection committee. The selection committee, serving for one year, will administer the program according to the set criteria.
- Relatives of committee members are not eligible to apply for a scholarship.

### **C. Scholarship Program Application**

- Senior High School and College students need to submit a completed application form along with the requested information described below.
- Scholarships will be awarded based on the following criteria:

Transcript/Grades 30%	Personal Profile 30%
Essay 30%	Two Letters of Recommendation 10%
- After the closing date of April 15<sup>th</sup>, the selection committee will meet in May and recipients will be chosen and notified in May/June.

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### **For the 2010/2011 College Year**

Students please complete the application form and the requested information described below. Applications must be received at Inland's office at 10110 W. Hallett Road. By 5:00 p.m. on April 15, 2010 or postmarked April 15, 2010.

**Application:** Mail or deliver **unfolded and unstapled** in a large envelope.

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**Transcripts:** Submit an official copy of your high school and/or college transcript for the last 12 months. Both are needed if the student has not been attending college for a full year. High school seniors will need to submit junior year grades and partial senior grades. Examples of an official transcript include one that is signed by a school official or sent in a sealed envelope with school official's signature across seal.

**Reference:** Include two (2) letters of reference. One reference must be from a teacher or other school faculty member.

**Personal Profile Outline:** In 250 words or less **typed and double-spaced**, describe why you believe you should be considered for the scholarship and any special circumstances. Include your school involvement, community/family service and work experience.

**Essay:** Essay must be typed, double-spaced and be between 500 and 750 words. Please type your selected essay topic at the top. Since applications are kept anonymous, do not refer to yourself or any family members by name. In your own words, write an essay based on one of the four topics:

- **Have you experienced a moment of epiphany, as if your eyes were opened to something you were previously blind to?**
- **If you had the authority to change your school in a positive way, what specific changes would you make?**
- **Tell us about how stepping outside your comfort zone to try something new has taken you on an unexpected path and changed your life.**
- **Consider your favorite books, movies, works of art, etc. Have these influenced your life in a meaningful way? Why are they your favorites?**

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## Excellence Award Application form

Students please provide the following information and send with the requested application requirements. Decisions and awards will be made by an independent and voluntary panel of Inland Power & Light members. All decisions are final.

Name of applicant/student first, middle, last: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Member, parent/guardian \_\_\_\_\_

Inland Member Number \_\_\_\_\_

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

City/State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

I declare that I am the member or legal dependent of the above Inland member and the enclosed information is correct to the best of my knowledge. (Legal is dependent is defined as one who is claimed on their parent or guardian's tax return.)

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Applicant Signature

Date