



Association of Contingency Planners - DC Chapter Margell (Margie) Barba Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship has been established to commemorate Margell (Margie) Barba, who was a driving force in the DC Association of Contingency Planners Chapter. Margie served as a Board member for several years and a tireless leader in the planning of our inaugural and second ACPDC symposiums. Margie was particularly interested in advancing the future of business resilience, and encouraged students to participate in our chapter. It is fitting that a scholarship for local students be given in her honor.

One award for \$500 will be made annually from 2011 to 2015 to a college student in the National Capital Region who seeks a career in emergency management and/or homeland security. The award may be used for expenses directly associated with academic course work (i.e. tuition, course fees, text books, etc.)

Eligibility

A scholarship may be awarded to a full or part-time student who has completed one year or more of study at an accredited college or university who resides in the National Capital Region and seeks a career in emergency management, business continuity and/or homeland security. See the attached distribution list for the schools and programs that received direct notice of this scholarship.

Application Process

Students must submit a signed application form, official transcript and letter of recommendation from a faculty member together with a supporting applicant essay. All applications must be submitted no earlier than Monday, December 27, 2010 and no later than Monday, January 31, 2011. The application may be retrieved from <http://www.acpdc.org/education.htm>.

Criteria

The scholarship will be awarded based upon the applicant's response to a specific question related to contingency planning that must be answered in 500 words or less. The essay must be submitted as a PDF with the following format: double spaced, 12 point New Times Roman, and 1" margins with the applicant's name on each page. The following contact information must be entered at the top right of the first page: person's name, address, school affiliation, class (freshman, sophomore, junior or senior) and major.

ESSAY QUESTION: "As a current or future leader in your community or organization, how will you incorporate the principles of contingency planning into the strategic and tactical planning and operations of your community or organization?"

Selection Process

Essays will be judged on the perceived understanding of the question and the completeness of the response. Grammar and punctuation will obviously help, but not necessarily hurt the applicants. The selection will be announced at the February 15 DC-ACP meeting and In the absence of unavoidable circumstances the recipient of the scholarship must attend the meeting when the scholarship is presented.

Contact Information

Completed applications applications must be emailed in the appropriate format to education@acpdc.org before 5 pm on January 31, 2011.