

Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada Launches 2019 Scholarship Program

More than \$26,000 available to students through the Richard McKeagan Scholarship Series

OTTAWA, June 4, 2019 – The Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada (MCAC) and its Construction Education Council today launched the 2019 Richard McKeagan Scholarship Series, which provides more than \$26,000 in financial assistance to university, college and apprentice students studying in the mechanical fields.

“Being the national association and unified voice of the mechanical contracting industry in Canada, we are keenly aware of how important it is to attract young people to the mechanical contracting field,” said Jack Bavis, MCAC President and Chairman of the Board. “We also recognize that education plays a vital role as our industry adapts and evolves. These scholarships provide the opportunity for us to support students in the field, and to help attract the best and the brightest to our industry.”

The program targets the mechanical field of study and has been broadened to include several new initiatives, including scholarships specifically for women in the mechanical field, and First Nations students pursuing education in the trades. This is in addition to several scholarships available for financial assistance in the mechanical field of study.

Since 2006, MCAC has awarded more than \$35,000 in scholarships. In 2019, the program has grown to its largest amount available to date, with several MCAC Associate Members stepping up to provide their own scholarship funding through the program.

Scholarships are available through the following MCAC Associate Members: Federated, Taco Comfort Solutions, Franke Kindred, OS&B, Bradford White Canada, Masco, Wolseley Canada, Uponor, and Reliance Worldwide. In addition, the broader Associate Membership of more than 100 members funds a single MCAC Associate scholarship.

As well, 2019 includes new scholarships from DMS Industrial Contractors, Lowe Mechanical and MCA Hamilton Niagara.

“This scholarship series remains a very important initiative for MCAC, as seen by the incredible support and involvement from our Associate members and members across Canada,” Bavis added. “We look forward to this program each year, and to providing support to deserving students in the mechanical field. Our industry succeeds because of the highly skilled workers across the country, and this scholarship program helps provide the assistance so that new workers can pursue top-notch education in the field.”

The following scholarship funding is available through the Richard McKeagan Scholarship Series in 2019:

WOMEN IN MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION RELATED FIELD:

- TACO – \$2000
- RELIANCE WORLDWIDE CORPORATION (RWC) – \$2500
- WOMEN IN MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION (sponsored by Lowe Mechanical) Red Seal – \$1000
- WOMEN IN MECHANICAL CONSTRUCTION (sponsored by MCA Hamilton Niagara) – \$1000

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN SKILLED “MECHANICAL” TRADES PROGRAMS:

- FRANKE KINDRED – \$1500

- WOLSELEY CANADA – \$2000

FIRST NATION YOUTH (UNDER 25) ENROLLED IN SKILLED “MECHANICAL” TRADES PROGRAMS:

- DMS INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTORS INC. – \$2500

STUDENT CHAPTER MEMBER OR SON OR DAUGHTER OF A MEMBER COMPANY WHO IS STUDYING IN THE MECHANICAL OR RELATED CONSTRUCTION FIELD:

- FEDERATED INSURANCE– \$1000
- MASCO CANADA/DELTA FAUCET– \$1500
- MCA CANADA ASSOCIATES COUNCIL– \$2500
- UPONOR – Dan Kirkpatrick Scholarship – 5 x \$500

STUDENT CHAPTER MEMBER OR SON OR DAUGHTER OF A MEMBER COMPANY WHO IS STUDYING IN THE MECHANICAL OR A RELATED CONSTRUCTION FIELD, BUSINESS MANAGEMENT OR COMPUTER SCIENCE

- BRADFORD WHITE CANADA – \$1500

STUDENTS ATTENDING RECOGNIZED POST-SECONDARY INSTITUTIONS A GOAL OF ENTERING THE MECHANICAL CONTRACTING TRADE UPON GRADUATION, WHETHER ON THE TOOLS OR IN THE OFFICE

- OS&B® – R.J. (BOB) EVANS MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP – 2 X \$2500 (COLLEGE PROGRAM) OR 2 X \$2500 (UNIVERSITY PROGRAM)

More information about the scholarship program, including application criteria, is available on the Construction Education Council website at www.mcac.ca/cec/scholarships/.

About MCAC:

The Mechanical Contractors Association of Canada is a national non-profit association comprised of dedicated professionals working together for the promotion, improvement, and advancement of the mechanical contracting industry. As well as mechanical contractors, MCAC welcomes service and repair contractors, manufacturers, wholesale distributors, and other construction industry related organizations.