

R. Gene Richter Scholarship Program

Application period opens **September 10, 2019** and closes on **February 5, 2020**.
The online application and additional information about the application process is available on the ISM website through this link www.instituteforsupplymanagement.org/Richter or the R. Gene Richter Program Foundation website at www.richterfoundation.org.

ELIGIBILITY AND CRITERIA FOR 2020-2021 ACADEMIC YEAR

Eligible students are:

1. Enrolled full-time in an accredited supply chain management curriculum (supply management, purchasing or procurement)
2. Entering their senior year during the 2020-2021 academic year
3. Graduating in either December 2020 or Spring 2021
4. A citizen of the United States or Canada, or possess a valid green card
5. Available to attend the Institute for Supply Management® (ISM®) Annual International Conference on April 26 - 29, 2020 in Boston, Massachusetts.
6. Willing to sign a contract pledging that the monetary award will be used for educational expenses (this includes living expenses)

Scholarship recipients will be chosen based on the following criteria:

- **Attained High Academic Achievement** — Recipients of this award have earned outstanding grades. Transcripts are looked at very closely.
- **Demonstrated Strong Leadership Ability** — Past winners have been active participants in campus activities and are usually an officer of one of the organizations. Others have led charitable efforts within their communities. They are involved.
- **Demonstrated High Ethical Standards** — This is a very important aspect of the program. Answers to essay questions are especially relevant to assessing the applicants' ethics. This is an area explored in greater depth during the personal interview.

- **Made a Strong Commitment to Pursuing a Career in the Field of Supply Chain Management** —

This is best shown through participation in the campus ISM chapter or other campus supply chain management associations. In addition, we would expect that an applicant has completed, or is planning to complete, an internship in the supply chain management field.

Winners of the R. Gene Richter Scholarship are awarded **US\$10,000** (December graduates will be awarded **US\$5,000**), for educational expenses. In addition, Richter Scholars are enrolled in a mentoring program where they are paired with an executive in supply chain management and a previous Richter Scholar winner. Current-year recipients are invited to attend the Institute for Supply Management Annual International Supply Management Conference in Boston, April 26-29, 2020. They will be the guests of honor at a special Richter Awards Presentation Dinner on Monday, April 27, 2020. Richter Scholars will be escorted to this banquet by their mentors. One year after graduation (May 2022) and completion of real-world experience in the field of supply chain management, Richter Scholars are invited to participate in an invitation-only ExecIN: Executive Program for the executive leadership of the profession held concurrently with the ISM Annual Conference.

Scholarships are awarded through the Institute for Supply Management's R. Gene Richter Scholarship Fund and through the R. Gene and Nancy D. Richter Foundation.