

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Michigan Association of Timbermen
Jess Birtcher Memorial Scholarship Fund



PLEASE SUBMIT APPLICATION TO
The Michigan Association of Timbermen
Attention: Scholarship Committee
7350 South M-123
Newberry, MI 49868
Email: timbermen1972@gmail.com
Fax: (906) 293-5444
Deadline – March 1, 2018

NAME OF APPLICANT:

ADDRESS:

Phone:

Email:

The Michigan Association of Timbermen will award a yearly scholarship of \$1,000 on behalf of Timbermen founding member Jess Birtcher and his family.

We welcome your application and should you have any questions or need clarification, please contact:

Michelle Sears, Administrator
Michigan Association of Timbermen
906-293-3236 office
Email: timbermen1972@gmail.com

Important Criteria

Please note that applications will ONLY BE ACCEPTED from applicants who have chosen a forestry, natural resources or forest product manufacturing field of study. Applicants who have chosen a broad base field such as environmental science will be asked to provide a list of courses for that field.

Applications are also accepted for non-degree courses such as lumber grading, timber harvesting certificates, or other fields that directly impact the forest products industry.

Should you need to include more information than any page allows space for please include your information on supplemental pages noting which page and question you are referencing.

Past award recipients may apply again using the current year's application form. Past applications are not kept on file by MAT.

Submission

Applicants may email, fax, or mail their application and must be postmarked or received prior to March 1, 2018.

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Selection

The scholarship committee will be selecting candidates for interviews during the month of March with final selection and announcement of award winners by March 15, 2018.

Recipients

It is strongly desired that the scholarship awardee be present to receive their award during the Michigan Association of Timbermen Annual Convention banquet and awards ceremony the evening of Friday **April 27th, 2018** at the Boyne Mountain Conference Center in Boyne Falls, MI.

Awardees will be provided up to 3 complimentary banquet tickets and if desired one complimentary overnight stay the evening of the banquet.

Do you have any relatives who are Michigan Association of Timbermen members? If so, please elaborate:

The college/university/trade school program you are/will be attending if known at time of application:

Expected start date of enrollment:

Chosen Field of Study:

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Please list all schools attended, including high schools, colleges, universities and vocational institutes. Also include those attended for summer sessions or evening classes.

NAME/LOCATION	ATTENDANCE DATES	MAJOR	DATE OF DIPLOMA
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_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____

Please provide your most current cumulative high school or college grade point average, using a 4-point system (A=4.0, B=3.0, etc.) _____

Have you ever been suspended or dismissed from any school or college? _____

If yes, please explain: (This may/may not disqualify you from the scholarship process)

Indicate your past and current membership and offices held in organizations including high school, college, agricultural, civic, church, and youth.

Organization	Dates of Membership	Office Held
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

List awards and honors you have received

Organization or Grantor

Award or Honor

_____	_____
_____	_____

EMPLOYMENT RECORD (Most recent job first)

Employer: _____ Address: _____
What were your duties? _____

Why did you leave? _____

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SELF-EVALUATION AND EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVE

We ask the following questions to learn more about your reasons for applying for this scholarship and your ability to benefit from it. The length of your response and their order are up to you. Please type or print your response on separate sheets of paper and enclose with your application. We are interested in knowing about the following:

1. What events, activities, or achievements have contributed most to your self-development?
2. Discuss a situation in which you had significant responsibility and what you learned from it.
3. Discuss what you consider to be the timber/forest industry's biggest challenge.
4. Discuss how you perceive that your career aspiration might benefit the forest products industry in the future.

MILITARY HISTORY

If you have ever been a member of any branch of our military please add that information below.

Branch of the military:

Dates of active service:

Rank upon retirement or discharge:

Please note any specialized trainings received:

RECOMMENDATION FOR BIRTCHER SCHOLARSHIP

Name of Applicant: _____

Supply FOUR Recommendations: 2-Personal and 2-Academic

TO THE APPLICANT - This recommendation form should be given to the person you think is in the best position to comment as to the nature and scope of your potential. Do not use relatives as recommenders.

TO THE RECOMMENDER - This scholarship is intended for young people who have demonstrated potential for post-secondary education. May we please have your assistance in judging this applicant through your frank evaluation of his or her abilities and attitudes? This recommendation will be held in confidence and should be returned directly to this office in order for the applicant to be considered.

I know the applicant () thoroughly () fairly well () superficially

In marking the following items, superior should be used sparingly; it denotes a conspicuous excellence in this particular applicant. Excellent is a strong rating.

SUPERIOR EXCELLENT GOOD FAIR NOT APPLICABLE

Esteem in which he/she is held the community	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Ability to communicate	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Demonstrated leadership	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Overall assessment of Potential	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Other Comments:

Your name (person who is providing this recommendation)→ _____

Personal or Academic Reference?-----→ _____

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