***ISRI INDIANA CHAPTER SCHOLARSHIP***

**Purpose**

To advance the importance of recycling to future generations, the Indiana Chapter of ISRI has established the Recycling Research Foundation – Indiana Chapter ISRI Scholarship Fund in conjunction with the Recycling Research Foundation (RFF), a 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization.

**Eligibility Requirements**

In order to be eligible to receive a scholarship, an applicant must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. An applicant must be sponsored by a member firm and be an employee, or a dependent of an employee, of the firm

 a. Member firms include: *Processors, Merchants, Traders, Brokers, Domestic Associate, Consumer*, *and International categories*. Only firms recognized by ISRI national as Indiana Chapter members shall be eligible. Subsidiary firms or any other type of operation that is not listed or recognized by ISRI national is not eligible.

 b. The Member firm must be in good standing with both ISRI national and the chapter, having satisfied all dues and assessments

2. Each applicant must intend to pursue studies at an accredited educational institution designed to meet the requirements for an academic, professional, or occupational degree conferred by a college, university, or other accredited school as listed by the U.S. Department of Education at *http://ope.ed.gov/accrediation/Search.aspx*

3. Undergraduate and graduate applicants are eligible

4. Scholarships may be awarded on a continuing basis; however, the applicant must reapply each year for additional scholarship funding

5. The applicant may attend any college or university he or she chooses, however, any costs over and above the amount of the scholarship or costs related to changing institutions must be paid by the applicant

6. The committee need not award any or all of the funds available unless the applicants meet all of the eligibility requirements

7. The scholarship shall be awarded for a full year of schooling. Half of the scholarship shall be used in the first semester, half in the second. In the event an applicant does not complete the full year of school, any refunds shall be returned to the Indiana Chapter Scholarship Fund of the RRF

8. Members or dependents of members of the Scholarship Committee, employees of the RERF, and members of the RERF board are not eligible to receive a scholarship

9. Owners, majority owners and principals of member firms and their dependents are not eligible to receive a scholarship

10. The applicant is required to have a minimum grade point average (GPA) of 2.8 (High School equivalent of 70%)

**Application**

1. Each applicant shall be required to submit a completed application packet prior to the deadline set by the Scholarship Committee

2. The Application Packet shall be mailed or delivered to the address provided on the application – no facsimile(s) or email(s) shall be accepted

3. The Application Packet shall consist of:

1. Application, completed
2. Release form, signed and dated

 c. Biographical summary listing personal history, school activities, extra-curricular activities,

 accomplishments, contributions to community, employment experience

 \* listed chronologically for the past four years

 \* may be submitted on separate sheet of paper --- 8 ½” x 11”, typed or legibly written in blue

 or black ink

 d. Official school transcript

 \* High School transcript showing GPA

 \* Official SAT and/or ACT test scores

 \* College transcript for applicants who have completed at least one year of college

 e. Two (2) letters of recommendation from sponsors, teachers, and/or other persons not related to

 the applicant

 \* must be dated within the past 6 months of the date of the application

 \* must be on letterhead from sponsor/teacher/other

 \* must be original and signed (no photocopies accepted)

4. Submissions that are incomplete, unsigned or missing mandatory items will be disqualified