

BROTHERHOOD of LOCOMOTIVE  
ENGINEERS and TRAINMEN  
SOUTHEASTERN MEETING ASSOCIATION  
2812 East Point Drive  
Chesapeake, VA 23321-4125

January 25, 2006

Dear Brother and Sisters:

Again it is time to begin preparing for the 79th S.M.A. to be held at the Chattanooga Marriott at the Convention Center in Chattanooga, Tenn. from June 4 to June 9 2006. Member of Division 205 will be hosting the meeting this year with Brother T. L. Reed as chairman. The members of the S.M.A. would like to remind you of an important function within our organization that is to sustain the Geiger-Brendle Scholarship. This is our way of helping our children further their education. There are two types of scholarships awarded each year, the standard scholarship in the amount of seven hundred fifty dollars and hardship scholarship in the amount of fifteen hundred dollars for children of disabled or deceased members.

The By-Laws of the S.M.A. requires each Division within the S.M.A. to contribute three dollars (\$3.00) per active member to remain "square on the books". Each contribution helps in maintaining the scholarship fund. If a Division has submitted an application, but has not made its contribution, that application will not be considered for a scholarship. If your Division is not already contributing to the scholarship fund, I would ask that your Division consider making a yearly contribution to the Geiger-Brendle Scholarship Fund. Our desire is to have 100% participation from the Division so that we may increase our support to even more recipients.

Enclosed there are two scholarship application. This letter is being sent to each Division Local Chairman, President, Secretary/Treasurer and General Chairman. This will give each division six copies of the application, if more are needed feel free to make additional copies. Please remit your contributions and applications before June 01, 2006 prior to the 79th S.M.A. meeting.

I have enclosed a list of the 2005 winner of the Geiger-Brendle Scholarship. Please use the new scholarship form because of my address change.

Fraternally your,



Ronald L. Perkins  
Secretary/Treasurer  
Southeastern Meeting Association

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Geiger-Brendle Scholarship

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1. This application must be accompanied by the applicants essay "Why I would like to win a scholarship". The essay should be limited to 100 words or less.

WRITE YOUR ESSAY ON THE BACK OF THIS APPLICATION.

2. An officer of the sponsoring member BLE Division must sign the application.

3. Return the completed application to: Ronald L. Perkins, SMA Sec. /Treas.,  
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4. Official proof of GPA from the Registrar/Guidance office must be signed and submitted with this application.

5. Entries must be received no later than June1, 2006. No Faxed application will be accepted.

6. Division sponsoring BLE member must have paid their annual per capita dues to the SMA to be considered.

7. Student must be an eligible dependent of BLE member's income tax return.

8. Check one: \_\_\_\_\_ Graduating High School Senior \_\_\_\_\_ Currently attending college

STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

BLE MEMBERS NAME \_\_\_\_\_ BLE DIVISION # \_\_\_\_\_

RELATIONSHIP TO MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

CURRENT G.P.A. \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_

BLE&T DIVISION OFFICERS SIGNATURE, TITLE & Div # \_\_\_\_\_

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