Redwood Region Logging Conference

Deadline: December 1st, 2026

REDWOOD REGION LOGGING CONFERENCE
2027 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE:

Qualified Majors: **Forestry**
Natural Resources

Applications are being accepted for the following Scholarships:

Emanuel Fritz Memorial Scholarship

Professor Emanuel Fritz is a pioneer in the Redwood Region, known for promoting the use and sustainability of second-growth redwood forests. He was instrumental in developing the California Forest Practice Rules, purchasing Jackson State Demonstration Forest, and founding the Redwood Region Logging Conference. This scholarship is provided to students in the spirit and memory of Emanuel Fritz.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- **Award:** Up to three scholarships of up to $2,000 each.
- **Eligible Students:** Undergraduate freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and continuing seniors.
- **Field of Study:** Forestry or Natural Resources.
- **Eligible Universities:**
  - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
  - Cal Poly Humboldt
  - UC Berkeley
  - Oregon State University

Jere & Madeleine Melo Memorial Scholarship

Jere and Madeleine Melo shared a lifelong commitment to protecting forests and preserving working timberlands. A UC Berkeley forestry graduate, Jere moved to Fort Bragg in 1966 and dedicated his career to professional forestry. Tragically, Jere lost his life in August 2011 while investigating an illegal marijuana grow on private timberland. Madeleine established the Jere Melo Scholarship later that year to honor his legacy.

Together, Jere and Madeleine passionately advocated for responsible forest management, environmental stewardship, and education. Following Madeleine's passing in 2026, their family continues their shared commitment to supporting the next generation of professional foresters.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- **Award: One or more scholarships of up to $2,000 each.**
- **Eligible Students: Undergraduate freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and continuing seniors.**
- **Field of Study: Forestry, with the intention of becoming a Registered Professional Forester (RPF).**
- **Eligible Universities:**
  - **Cal Poly San Luis Obispo**
  - **Cal Poly Humboldt**
  - **UC Berkeley**
  - **Oregon State University**

Kent & Larry Holmgren Memorial Scholarship

Kent L. Holmgren was a fourth-generation Humboldt County resident. He owned timberland, logged, was a registered professional forester, and owned a sawmill. Kent served on the College of the Redwoods Advisory Board and the Redwood Region Logging Conference Board. He was a member of the Forest Landowners of California and the Association of California Loggers.

Larry Holmgren was the son of Kent & Shirley Holmgren. Larry started at Simonson Timber, then worked as an independent faller and logger for Eel River Sawmill and ultimately procured logs for Schmidbauer. He served on the RRLC and Pacific Logging Congress Boards and was vice president of the Northern California Log Scaling and Grading Bureau. He helped develop the RRLC High School Forestry competition and Scholarship programs.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- **Award: Up to two scholarships of $1,000 each.**
- **Eligible College: College of the Redwoods (CR) only.**
- **Field of Study: Forestry.**
- **Eligible Students: Freshmen and sophomores currently enrolled in the College of the Redwoods forestry program who have at least two semesters remaining before completing their program.**

RRLC Scholarship

The Redwood Region Logging Conference supports the next generation of professionals who will contribute to the future of forestry, logging, natural resources, and the forest products industry. The RRLC Scholarship recognizes deserving students pursuing education and careers that support these industries.

Scholarship Eligibility:

- **Award:** Scholarships of up to $1,000 each.
- **Eligible Students:** Undergraduate freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and continuing seniors.
- **Field of Study:** Programs preparing students for careers supporting the timber industry, including forestry, logging, natural resources, and forest products.
- **Eligible Universities:**
    - Cal Poly San Luis Obispo
    - CSU Chico
    - Cal Poly Humboldt
    - Fresno State University
    - UC Davis

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY & APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

Enrollment Requirement: Applicants must be currently enrolled in an eligible college or university program at the time of application and plan to continue their education during the Fall 2027 term. Students graduating in December 2027 are eligible to apply. Students graduating in Spring 2027 are not eligible unless they will be continuing their education in an eligible program in Fall 2027.

Priority Consideration: Priority will be given to qualified applicants from the Redwood Region. Applicants from outside the region may also be considered, provided they meet the eligibility requirements of the scholarship.

Scholarship Disbursement: Scholarship checks will be mailed directly to recipients in March, following verification of Spring 2027 enrollment. Award recipients will be required to submit updated enrollment documentation before funds are released.

How to Apply:

1. Complete the attached Application.
2. Submit a thoughtful Scholarship Essay (instructions on the next page).
3. Email a recent, high-quality photograph of yourself in JPEG or PNG format to **info@rrlc.net**. Please submit a clear, individual photo showing your full face and upper body, with no other people in the picture. Avoid group photos, cropped faces, or photos where you are partially out of the frame. Photos will be used to recognize scholarship recipients in RRLC's promotional video and award presentations. Photographs are not provided to the Scholarship Committee and are not considered during the selection process.
4. Sign your application.
5. Submit a current unofficial or official college transcript showing your academic record and cumulative GPA. Transcripts must include your name and the name of the institution.

All material should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., TUESDAY, December 1, 2026. The scholarship committee will review applications, and qualified applicants may be invited to an interview. The scholarship recipients will be notified via email.

Additional information requests and application submissions should be directed to:

MAIL TO: RRLC Scholarship Committee
5601 South Broadway,
Eureka, CA 95503

Phone: (707) 443-4091 Email: info@rrlc.net Web: www.rrlc.net

Check Scholarship Applying for:

☐ Emanuel Fritz Memorial

☐ Jere & Madeleine Melo Memorial

☐ Holmgren Memorial

☐ RRLC

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2027 Scholarship Application

Deadline: **DECEMBER 1, 2026**

Name_____ Date of Birth_____

Mailing Address_____ City_____ Zip_____

Phone_____

Email Address (please print legibly) _____

Current College Attending_____ Cumulative GPA _____

College You Plan to Attend in Fall 2027:_____

Expected Graduation Date: _____Planned Degree_____

Additional Colleges Attended: _____

Please check which type of college you are attending: 4 Year ☐ 2 Year ☐

College Declared Major_____

Do you plan to become an RPF? Yes ☐ No ☐

High School Attended _____ Year Graduated_____

Connection to the Redwood Region: _____

SCHOLARSHIP ESSAY

Write a narrative essay **(2 pages MAX)** describing yourself and why you should be considered for this scholarship. Ideas to include are, but are NOT limited to, present and future goals, reasons for major choice, and how you associate with the timber industry (wood products, logging, natural resources, and forestry). **Please use 11-point font, and print on ONE side of the page only.**

I hereby certify that the above statements and those stated in my essay are true and accurate.

Name (print) _____

Signature: _____