



REDWOOD REGION LOGGING CONFERENCE 2026 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE:

Qualified Majors: **Forestry
Natural Resources**

Applications are being accepted for the following Scholarships:

Emanuel Fritz Memorial Scholarship

Professor Emanuel Fritz is known as a pioneer in the Redwood Region for his efforts in 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.

Upon qualification, up to three cash scholarships of up to \$2,000 each will be awarded to a freshman, sophomore, junior, or returning senior who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate forestry or natural resources program at **California Polytechnic State University, Cal Poly Humboldt, University of California, Berkeley, or Oregon State University**.

Jere Melo Memorial Scholarship

Jere Melo was a long-time professional forester in the Fort Bragg area. He graduated from UC Berkeley with a degree in forestry and moved to Fort Bragg in 1966. He was on the job in August 2011 when he was murdered while investigating a reported marijuana grow on private timberland. His wife, Madeleine, established the Jere Melo Scholarship in 2011.

Upon qualification, up to a **\$2,000 scholarship will be awarded to a freshman, sophomore, junior, or returning senior who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate forestry program at California Polytechnic State University, Cal Poly Humboldt, University of California, Berkeley, or Oregon State University**. This award will specifically target students who plan to become Registered Professional Foresters.

Kent & Larry Holmgren Memorial Scholarship

Kent L. Holmgren was a fourth-generation Humboldt County resident. He was a timberland owner, a logger, a registered professional forester, and a sawmill owner. He 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 out working for 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 the Vice President of the Northern California Log Scaling and Grading Bureau. He was instrumental in developing the RRLC High School Forestry competition and Scholarship programs.

Upon qualification, up to two cash scholarships of **\$1,000** will be awarded to a freshman or sophomore who is currently enrolled in the forestry program at the **College of the Redwoods (CR)** and has at least 2 semesters left in the year before graduation. Person(s) completing their final semester at CR who have been accepted at an accredited forestry school to continue their forestry education are also eligible.

RRLC Scholarship

The Redwood Region Logging Conference is offering scholarship(s) up to \$1,000.

Qualifications: Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Returning Senior who is currently enrolled in an undergraduate program relating to careers that support the timber industry. Students will be attending Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, CSU, Chico, Cal Poly Humboldt, Fresno State University, and UC Davis.

Interested in applying for a scholarship? Follow these steps:

1. Complete the attached Application.
2. Submit a thoughtful Scholarship Essay (instructions on next page).
3. Submit a current and high-quality photo of yourself in .jpeg or .png format.
4. Sign your application.
5. Submit college transcripts with the above documents.

Note: You must plan to return to college in the Fall.

All material should be submitted no later than 5:00 p.m., FRIDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025. The scholarship committee will review applications, and qualified applicants will 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: rrlc@sonic.net Web: www.rrlc.net

Check Scholarship Applying for:

Emanuel Fritz Memorial

Jere Melo Memorial

Holmgren Memorial

RRLC

REDWOOD REGION LOGGING CONFERENCE

2025 Scholarship Application

Deadline: **JANUARY 9, 2026**

Name _____ Date of Birth _____

Mailing Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email Address (please print legibly) _____

Current College Attending _____ Cumulative GPA _____

The college you will be Attending Next Year _____

Planned Date of Graduation _____ 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 _____

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: _____