



**WILLIAM H. STEELE  
MEMORIAL FORESTRY SCHOLARSHIP  
APPLICATION**



*The purpose of the William H. Steele Memorial Scholarship is to  
provide assistance toward forest resource education to  
quality students*

Sponsored by the  
Education Committee of the Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
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## **ORIGIN...**

The Kentucky Forest Industries Association (KFIA) sponsors the William H. Steele Memorial Forestry Scholarship Fund, which is made available to deserving individuals who hope to pursue a career in forestry and the wood products industry.

KFIA is a trade association dedicated to serving and promoting the forest products industry of Kentucky. Founded in 1965, it has over 550 members in the areas of primary and secondary wood industry, supplier and service industries, wholesale, loggers and landowners. KFIA promotes sound forest management through the Sustainable Forestry Initiative and is involved with a number of programs to maintain the long term viability of all forest resources..

The scholarship was started in memory of William H. Steele, founder of Kentucky Tie & Lumber in Columbia, KY. Mr. Steele was active in KFIA, serving on the Board of Directors and as President. Kentucky Tie & Lumber remains a member of KFIA and Mr. Steele's son, Bill Steele Jr. has also served on the Board and as President with his son, the third generation of the family currently serving on the Board.

## **APPLICATION PROCEDURES AND GUIDELINES...**

The William H. Steele Memorial Forestry Scholarship Fund will provide up to three \$1,000 scholarships (\$500 each semester) for students accepted for admission to, or currently enrolled in, an approved college or university, junior college, technical college, or accredited program. An additional \$600 scholarship is also available for qualified individuals to attend the NHLA Lumber Grading School in Memphis, TN.

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must be US citizens and high school graduates in good academic standing with a 2.5 grade point average. Transcripts or institutional verification may be requested to document/verify academic standing. Recipients may be asked to demonstrate continued strong academic performance prior to receiving funds for the second semester.

Preference will be given to students demonstrating:

- Strong academic performance
- Interest in a career in forestry or the wood industry
- Experience working in the wood industry
- Commitment to a career in forestry or wood industry through successful completion of forestry coursework

### **Applications**

Applications are due by October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The completed application form should be emailed to Bob Bauer, Executive Director, at [bob@kfia.org](mailto:bob@kfia.org).

Rick Goodin with Lebanon Oak Flooring in Lebanon, KY is the current Chairman of the KFIA Education Committee and the full committee will be the reviewing entity and make all decisions concerning scholarships. All decisions made by the committee are final.

The William H. Steele Scholarship will not discriminate based on race, color, religion, or gender.

Any questions regarding application procedures or guidelines can be directed to Bob Bauer at the KFIA office: (502) 695-3979 or [bob@kfia.org](mailto:bob@kfia.org).



Use Additional Sheets to Answer Questions if Needed

1. Have you worked previously or currently working for a wood industry company or forestry related business? If so, please list company, contact information, supervisor, how long employed, and job duties.

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2. What are your goals and plans for a career: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Personal Statement: Use this space to provide additional information relevant to your consideration for this scholarship. *(For example, experiences at forestry/conservation camps and/or short courses)*

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4. Please list any additional scholarships you are currently receiving: \_\_\_\_\_

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*I hereby acknowledge that information submitted on and attached to this form is true and correct. This is my own work and written statements.*

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Signature

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Date

Send Completed application and any relevant attachments to:

Kentucky Forest Industries Association  
106 Progress Drive  
Frankfort, KY 40601  
or  
Email information to: bob@kfia.org