

## League of Railway Women 2019 Connie Sumara Memorial Scholarship



**Due Date: June 14, 2019**

This year, the League of Railway Women's Connie Sumara Memorial Scholarship will award \$2,000 USD to a woman pursuing a graduate or undergraduate degree and seeking to further her career in the rail industry. The funds will be paid at the beginning of the Fall 2019 school term following the applicant's selection and after receiving proof of enrollment. Distribution of funds will be administered by the LRW Scholarship Chair and disbursed to the suitable official of the recipient's institution.

### Eligibility Criteria

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1. GPA of 3.0 or higher.
2. The applicant must be a female who is currently employed by a railroad or railway-related business (such as a supplier) for at least twelve months.
3. The applicant must be currently enrolled, at a minimum, as a part-time student (6 hours per spring and fall semester).
  - Applicants must be currently enrolled at an accredited/post-secondary institution leading to an Associate's, Bachelor's, or Master's Degree. The curriculum must be certified by an accepted accreditation board in the United States or Canada.
  - Applicants of any field of study may apply, though the degree will need to support the applicant's career in the rail industry.

### A Completed Application Will Consist of

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- A. A completed LRW 2019 Connie Sumara Memorial Scholarship application form.
- B. A professional resume containing all full or part-time work experience (including rail and non-rail experience), education information, community service, involvement in organizations, and any other information the applicant feels would be relevant for the selection committee to consider.
- C. A certified college transcript from the school (or schools) attended. This must include college-level work completed through Spring semester 2019 to verify the applicant's full-time / part-time status. Official password-protected transcript submissions from the applicant's university will be accepted.
- D. An email or written letter of recommendation from a rail industry colleague.
  - Emails must be sent from the industry colleague's work email address with their official company signature line. Letters of recommendation forwarded directly from the applicant will not be accepted.
  - Written letters must be on company letterhead.
- E. A personal statement not exceeding 500 words addressing the question below:
  - *How will your degree prepare you to better serve the rail industry?*

## **Application Process**

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To apply for this scholarship, please mail and/or email the information listed above and the completed scholarship application form to the LRW Scholarship Committee. With the exception of the letter of recommendation and official transcript, please mail or email all items together. Official password protected transcript submissions via email from your university will be accepted.

Please send completed applications and all required documents by June 14, 2019 via mail or email to:

League of Railway Women Scholarships  
410 First Street SE, Suite 200  
Washington, DC 20003  
ATTN: Scholarship Chair

Email: [scholarship@railwaywomen.org](mailto:scholarship@railwaywomen.org)

## **Evaluation and Notification**

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The Scholarship Committee will base its evaluation for award on the material submitted and a telephone interview, if required. Criteria for selection and award of scholarship will be based on the following:

- Academic Achievement (40%)
- Essay (20%)
- Letter of Recommendation (40%)

The scholarship recipient will be notified by July 1, 2019 with distribution of funds to begin no later than the start of the Fall 2019 semester.

**If you have questions about the application process contact the LRW Scholarship Chair at [scholarship@railwaywomen.org](mailto:scholarship@railwaywomen.org).**



## 2019 Connie Sumara Memorial Scholarship Application Form

### Personal Information

Applicant's Full Name:
Permanent Address:
Phone Number:
Work Email Address:

### Career Information

Company Name:			
Job Title:			
Number of years in the rail industry:		Are you a member of the League of Railway Women?	Yes ____ No ____

### Educational Background

Name the educational institution where you plan to use your scholarship or award:			
City:	State/Province:		
What degree will you be working toward?			
When do you expect to receive your degree?			
Does your employer currently contribute to your tuition or other school-related costs?	Yes ____ No ____	If so, please estimate the percentage of your tuition/school-related costs does your employer's contribution cover.	

List any other colleges, universities, vocational schools, etc. attended, including one in which you are currently enrolled. Arrange in sequence, listing your current institution first. You may attach a second page if necessary.

Name of College, University, or Vocational School and Location	Dates of Attendance	Degree	Date Degree Awarded or Expected	Grade Point Average

I certify that the information given in this application is true and accurate. In addition, if after receiving the League of Railway Women scholarship I elect to substantially alter my proposed study plan I will immediately inform the LRW of these changes.

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Signature of Applicant

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Date

Your complete application, transcripts of scholastic records, resume, and essay must be received no later than **June 14, 2019**.

**If you have questions about the application process contact Krista Leben, LRW Scholarship Chair, at [scholarship@railwaywomen.org](mailto:scholarship@railwaywomen.org).**