



# COMPOSITE PANEL ASSOCIATION

*Advancing the wood-based panel and decorative surfacing industries*

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## ROBERT E. DOUGHERTY EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION 2018 SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION SHEET

### THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

The RED Foundation Scholarship award reflects the Foundation's commitment to provide financial assistance to students pursuing a career in the composite panel and affiliated industries. The 2018 awards will consist of five scholarships of up to **\$5,000** each. Additional scholarships could be awarded depending on the quality of the submissions. Scholarship awards are in the form of checks made payable to the student and delivered to the student's academic advisor.

In addition to the scholarship awards, a list of the scholarship nominees will be distributed to all members of the Composite Panel Association (CPA). These companies will be encouraged to consider these nominees when making their summer and full-time hiring decisions. By submitting an application, you are distributing your academic achievements and career aspirations to more than 170 companies in the composite panel, forest products, decorative surfaces, furniture, cabinet, and related industries. Applicants are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the CPA and learn of the many diverse career opportunities the industry has to offer.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Student must be a citizen or permanent legal resident of the US, Canada or Mexico.
- Student must be enrolled full-time in undergraduate (junior or senior) or post-graduate study for the spring of 2018.
- Students must be enrolled in one of the following academic majors\*:
  - Forestry/Forest Products
  - Natural Resources
  - Land Management
  - Wood Science & Technology
  - Pulp & Paper Science
  - Environmental Science
  - Chemistry
  - Chemical Engineering
  - Mechanical Engineering
  - Industrial Engineering
  - Architecture
  - Business/Marketing
  - Political Science

\*If you are unsure of your eligibility due to the substantial fragmentation in academic major nomenclature please email Gary Heroux at [gheroux@cpamail.org](mailto:gheroux@cpamail.org) for specific clarification.

### PROCESS

1. Complete the [scholarship application form](#), including an [official 2017 school transcript](#).

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2. Write a 1 to 2 page essay answering **one** of the following questions:
  - a. *How can the North American wood products industry improve its workplace appeal and attract more young professionals?*
  - b. *Describe some of the ways your field of study can benefit the wood products industry, specifically the wood composite panel industry?*
3. Request your academic advisor complete the nomination form, including a recommendation letter.
4. Send the application form, official school transcript, essay, nomination form and recommendation letter to the Foundation **no later than March 9, 2018**.

## **TIMELINE**

March 9, 2018	Deadline for applications
March/April 2018	Scholarship Committee reviews applications and develops recommendations
April 25, 2018	The RED Board of Directors selects scholarship recipients and award amounts.
May 2, 2018	Award recipients announced in @the edge article and notification letters mailed
August 2018	Scholarship checks mailed

## **CONTACT**

Please email (preferred) or mail the required materials to:

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## **HISTORY OF THE FOUNDATION**

In 1960, Robert Dougherty, a Washington, DC lawyer with a lumber association background, was selected by members of the particleboard industry to be the first Executive Vice President of the newly formed National Particleboard Association (NPA), a position he held until his retirement 23 years later. During those years, Bob kept his fingers on the pulse of an industry that grew from 232 million square feet/year to more than 3 billion square feet/year today. Bob Dougherty passed away in 1985 after providing industry with over two decades of invaluable service and leadership. The Foundation was formed in 1986

by the members of the NPA (now the CPA) in memory Robert Dougherty. The Foundation's sole purpose is to provide financial assistance to students in industry related fields of study.

The Robert E. Dougherty Educational Foundation is managed by a Board of Directors and is sponsored and funded by the Composite Panel Association (CPA).

## **ABOUT THE COMPOSITE PANEL ASSOCIATION**

The Composite Panel Association (CPA), founded in 1960, represents the North American composite panel industry on technical standards, industry regulation, and product acceptance. CPA also operates a world-renowned testing and certification program for industry products and was the first Third Party Certifier approved by the California Air Resources Board. For a list of companies and products represented by CPA visit [CompositePanel.org](http://CompositePanel.org) and [DecorativeSurfaces.org](http://DecorativeSurfaces.org).