



The Leo and Eileen French Scholarship Fund *Committed to Educating our Future*

Founded January of 2003, the Leo and Eileen French Scholarship Fund was created to honor the founder of Placer Title Company. In 1973, Leo French Founded Placer Title with an important vision in mind. Leo had a strong background in the title and escrow industry and wanted to showcase his talents by creating a company that was built on unparalleled service. His dream: "To bring together a group of people who really care about each other and about their customers." Leo believed that if this was accomplished, success would follow. Eileen offered Leo support and advice, and together they were successful in creating a company that was different. Over the past thirty years Placer Title has grown throughout Northern California, and under Mother Lode Holding Company, has expanded nation wide. Throughout the years, Placer Title has been a leader in the community, giving back to the people who have made our success possible. Although numerous contributions are made each year to various charities, Leo and Eileen wanted to do more to thank the people who have made their dream a reality.

The Leo and Eileen French Scholarship Fund was created for those who have given service to their communities and have an interest in continuing their education. All Mother Lode Holding Company employees' children are eligible for this prestigious scholarship. The MLHC Lion's Award of Excellence is given to the applicant who has best displayed service throughout their lives, whether it is within their communities, schools, or any other official organizations.

People are the key to our company's success. The Leo and Eileen French Scholarship Fund was created to give something back to the people who have made this company succeed for more than thirty five years.



Rules and Regulations The Leo and Eileen French Scholarship Fund

1. All applicants must have a parent* or legal guardian who is employed by Mother Lode Holding Company. Further, the parent/legal guardian must be employed for at least 90 days prior to the application deadline (i.e. If the deadline for entry is January 3rd 2010, the parent must have been employed by the company since October 5th 2009).
2. All applicants must be enrolled in some form of higher education to receive the scholarship money. The Board may ask for proof before the winner receives any money.
3. The Board selects all winners based on a score sheet and the applicant's responses on his/her application. The score sheets are destroyed once final scores have been calculated. The applicant will not know his/her score or the scores of other applicants. The identity of the applicant is not revealed to the Board until after a winner has been selected.
4. The scholarship money is paid through the parent or legal guardian's paycheck, no exceptions.
5. All applications are due by 6:00 pm Pacific Time on the day of the deadline.
6. If the applicant's parent leaves the company or is let go for any reason prior to the announcement of the winner, the applicant is no longer eligible.
7. The Board has the right to change any of the above rules and regulations without notification.

*We may use the word parent to refer to either a parent or legal guardian.



The MLHC Lion's Award of Excellence

This award honors the applicant who has best displayed service throughout their community. Selection is based on the amplitude of service given in the community, at school, or through an official organization such as church. Applicant must at minimum be a high school senior or high school graduate. Enrollment in some form of higher education is required.

Name: _____ Age: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Parent(s) affiliated with MLHC: _____

At what MLHC office does your parent work? _____

High School attended: _____

Have you graduated? _____ Date of Graduation: _____

***For Official Use Only: Applicant Number** _____



Applicant # _____

What are your educational plans beyond high school? (Select one)

- Four-year college/university
- Two-year college
- Trade school
- Specialty School (i.e. The Art Institute)
- Graduate School
- Technical College (i.e. ITT Tech)
- Currently attend school of higher education

What school are you attending/will you be attending?

Most Current Grade Point Average (either High School or College)

Please list in bullet style the organizations/philanthropies that you have worked with over the past **four years** and give a brief description of your role or duties with each organization: (additional paper may be necessary)

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Applicant # _____

Please list in bullet style any jobs that you have held over the past **four years** and give a brief description of your role or duties: (additional paper may be necessary)

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In 250 words or less, why do you feel that you should receive this award? Please be sure to include how you feel that you have made a positive contribution to the community and what you have learned from your experiences. In addition, how have you managed to do well in school or at your job all while being involved in the community? (We recommend that you type your response on a separate sheet as a Word document.)



All applications can be:

1. Submitted via e-mail to: abaklenko@mlhc.com. Be sure to include any attachments. All attachments must be Word or PDF documents.
2. Sent in hard copy to:
The Leo and Eileen French Scholarship Fund
c/o Aleah Baklenko
3209 S. Denison Ave.
San Pedro, CA 90731

The chosen applicant will be notified in May 2010.