

The Jerry Simms Scholarship ReMA Rocky Mountain Chapter



2026 Scholarship Application

In 2020, during the Rocky Mountain Chapter winter board meeting held in Vail, CO, the chapter board officially voted to rename the scholarship to the **Jerry Simms Scholarship Program**.

Who was Jerry Simms? Jerry received ReMA’s Lifetime Achievement in 2019 for his decades of dedication and leadership within the industry. It was Jerry who inspired and led ReMA’s efforts to reform Superfund that resulted in the passage of the Superfund Recycling Equity Act (SREA) in 1999. His letter to ReMA (ISRI) leadership in the early 1990s called for rallying members at the grassroots level and leveraging their political power to drive change—an appeal that helped catalyze ReMA’s efforts on this critical issue. Jerry helped mobilize the industry and build the political structure that remains at ReMA today. According to Jerry, “when working in concert, ISRI and our members can achieve any successes we need in the battles that confront us, be they legislative, regulatory, or public perception.”

Please note that contributions to this scholarship fund are not tax-deductible as charitable donations for individuals. Business contributors may be able to treat their contributions as a business expense. Donors should consult their tax advisor for guidance based on their specific circumstances.

Scholarship Information and Application Submission Guidelines

Three scholarships, each in the amount of \$2500, will be awarded to assist dependents, spouses, and employees of member firms of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. dba Recycled Materials Association (ReMA) in pursuing trade school, undergraduate, or graduate education. To be eligible to receive a scholarship, an applicant must meet the following requirements:

- 1.) Each applicant must be a dependent of an employee, the spouse of an employee or an employee of an active member firm, in good standing with the Rocky Mountain Chapter of ReMA.
- 2.) Each applicant must intend to pursue studies at an accredited educational institution designed to meet the requirements for an academic, professional, or occupational degree conferred by a college, university, or other accredited school as listed by the U.S. Department of Education at <http://ope.ed.gov/accreditation/Search.aspx>.
- 3.) Each applicant must meet the minimum admission standards of an educational institution.

The selection of the scholarship recipients will be made by the Scholarship Committee of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of ReMA based solely on objective and nondiscriminatory criteria which include, but are not limited to, prior academic performance, financial need, and a personal history provided as part of the application.

To be considered for a scholarship, please complete and include the following:

- Attached Scholarship Application
- Signed Release Agreement
- Education History:
 - Official high school and/or college transcripts
 - SAT and/or ACT scores
 - Two (2) letters of recommendation
 - Resume of Personal History/Activities (see below)
 - Personal Statement (see below)
- Signed AI Scholarship Guidelines for Applicants

Scholarships may be awarded on a continuing basis, however, the applicant must apply each year for additional scholarship funding. The scholarship shall be awarded for a full year of schooling. Half of the scholarship shall be paid in the first semester, half in the second. Payments will be made directly to the recipient's accredited educational institution, with the assistance of the ReMA finance department.

If a recipient does not complete a full year of school, any remaining refunds shall be returned to the Jerry Sims Scholarship Fund, and the recipient must notify the Scholarship Committee Chairman in writing of any changes in their education as soon as possible.

Please ensure that all required information is completed in the attached documents to expedite review and to facilitate timely funding of scholarships that are awarded through this process. **The application deadline is June 12, 2026.**

Completed application submissions by email are *preferred*, but may also be mailed to the address below:

Email: ashley@oerc.com

Mailing Address:

Ashley Canales
C/O: Olgin+Efune Recycling Co.
2449 W Madison St
Phoenix, AZ 85009-5163

PLEASE NOTE: If your application is received by email, an acknowledgement will be sent in confirmation. If you do not receive a confirmation email, please call **Ashley Canales, RM Scholarship Chair** at (623) 277-0276 to ensure that your email has not been blocked. Submissions that are incomplete, unsigned, missing mandatory items, or received after the deadline will be disqualified.

The Rocky Mountain Chapter may issue all, some, or none of the scholarship funds available in any given year. Recipients will be notified in writing of the Chapter's **decision no later than June 30**. Further, ReMA and the Rocky Mountain Chapter are committed to a policy of equal opportunity and will not discriminate against an applicant based on race, color, religion, creed, national origin or ancestry, ethnicity, sex (including, but not limited to gender, sexual orientation, and gender identity), age, physical or mental disability, veteran or military status, genetic information, citizenship, or any other legally recognized protected basis under federal, state, or local law.

The information collected in this application is solely collected to verify identity, determine eligibility, and if selected for a scholarship, for the disbursement of the award, announcement of scholarship awards, promotion of the scholarship program, or other publication of information related to the scholarship program.

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ReMA Rocky Mountain Chapter

The following is my application for a scholarship established in the name of the Rocky Mountain Chapter of the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. dba Recycled Materials Association (ReMA).

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name (Legal Name Required):

First

Middle

Last

Date of birth (Month/Date/YR)

Citizenship:

Current Address:

Street

Apt/Unit

City

State

Zip

Permanent Address (if different from current address):

Street

Apt/Unit

City

State

Zip

Phone number: _____

Email: _____

Name of School Currently Enrolled In:

Trade School, College, or University You Plan to Attend:

Address: (**Note:** Do not provide general address of school, **must** be directed to the Bursar office or building):

Street

City

State

Zip

Bursar Office Phone Number (Not the Financial Aid Office): _____

Do You Plan to Attend Full Term? (Circle One) Yes or No

Fall Semester Tuition Due Date: _____

Major Field of Study You Plan to Pursue? _____

Please include any additional information about your school's scholarship award policy if applicable:

MEMBER EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

Name of Parent/Guardian: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

ReMA Rocky Mountain Chapter Member Company Name: _____

Street

City

State

Zip

Length of Employment: _____

Department and Job Description: _____

Employee's Signature _____

Is the second parent or guardian employed (if applicable)? (Circle One) Yes or No

If so, Company Name: _____

Department and Job Description: _____

PERSONAL HISTORY/ACTIVITIES
(Include an additional page if needed)

School Activities:

Community Involvement / Social activities / Awards:

Hobbies / Interests:

List any other scholarship(s) you have applied for and/or received:

PERSONAL STATEMENT

Please type your response to the following on a separate piece of paper and attach it to your application:

1. Summarize your reasons for attending college, vocational/technical or trade school.
2. If applicable, describe any unusual financial circumstances and/or personal circumstances that you and your family are currently experiencing or may experience during the **2026-2027** academic year.
3. Will your mother/father/guardian aid in financing your education? If so, approximately what percent will they contribute?
4. If you do not receive this scholarship, will you work to earn money for school? Would you work part-time and attend school, or would you work full-time and wait to attend?
5. Write a brief description, at least one page, of your plans after graduation.
6. Please list the college, vocational/technical, or trade school you plan to attend.

RELEASE AGREEMENT

I, _____ (name of scholarship recipient if recipient is over 18 years old or the name of the parent/guardian of the recipient if the recipient is under 18 years old), do hereby give and grant permission to the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. dba Recycled Materials Association (“ReMA”), and the Rocky Mountain Chapter of ReMA, the irrevocable right, permission, and license to publish, reproduce, distribute, and/or otherwise use: (i) my/my child’s name; and (ii) any photographic image or likeness of me/my child in conjunction with the announcement of scholarship awards, promotion of the scholarship program, or other publication of information related to the scholarship program. I hereby waive all rights of inspection or approval and compensation with regard to any publication, and/or other use of my/my child’s name.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

NOTE: PLEASE INCLUDE THIS SIGNED FORM WITH YOUR APPLICATION SUBMISSION MATERIALS

AI Scholarship Guidelines for Applicants

All final written text and content submitted must be the applicant's own work. ReMA chapters and regions want to hear directly from applicants to get a true understanding of their background, experiences, and personality. AI generated content may dilute an applicant's authenticity and personality in their responses. Further, ReMA chapters and regions have scholarship committees that evaluate personal statements based on specific criteria and preferences that may not be detected by AI. Any detection of plagiarism may disqualify a student's application.

Examples of unethical uses of AI for ReMA chapter/region scholarship essays:

- Copying and pasting directly from AI generator.
- Relying on AI generated content to draft an essay.

Examples of ethical uses of AI for ReMA chapter/region scholarship essays:

- Using AI tools to review grammar and spelling of completed essays.
- Using AI tools to research ReMA, its chapters/regions, and their scholarship programs.

By submitting this application, you acknowledge that you have read and agree to the AI guidance provided in this application. Submitted content should be authentic. Applicants who do not adhere to this guidance may be removed from the applicant pool at the sole discretion of the scholarship review committee.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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