

Emerging Chapter Grants

Emerging Chapter Grants assist student chapters that are forming, ***newly chartered***, or having difficulty staying viable. No more than a total of three consecutive annual grants will be awarded to any chapter. **Faculty advisors apply for the grant on behalf of the student chapter.** Funds are awarded to the faculty advisor; 50 percent of the funds are to support the chapter, and 50 percent are to fund scholarships for the students.

Eligibility: Eligible chapters may be one of the following:

1. Designated to be chartered at the next MCAA convention, or
2. Chartered within the previous two years and have no local MCA association sponsor, or
3. Chartered within the previous two years and have less than 10 members, or
4. Chartered but have less than 10 members and are having difficulty staying viable.
4. Have not applied for a Chapter of Excellence Grant for the same grant period.

Application Procedures: Applications should be no longer than two single-spaced pages. Photographs are welcome, but not necessary. **Faculty advisors are to submit applications for this grant by close-of-business April 16.** Applications are to be sent to Ann Mattheis, Director of Marketing and Career Development at MCAA, by e-mail at amattheis@mcaa.org or by fax (301-990-9690).

Grant Information: Each submission must include the following information:

- Name(s) of faculty advisor(s)
- Names and titles of current chapter officers
- Number of chapter members
- Attendance at MCA meetings (if applicable) during the current school year
- Activities, projects and accomplishments of the chapter during the current year. These can include field trips, seminars and campus presentations by MCA firms or other notable activities of the chapter.
- Number of chapter members who have been offered, or applied for, summer internships with mechanical contractors for the current summer
- Number of chapter members who obtained (or who have been offered) full-time positions with mechanical contractors
- A brief description (100 words or less) of how the chapter plans to use the grant. (Keep in mind the criteria of 50 percent for chapter support and 50 percent for scholarships)

Evaluation Criteria: Applications will be evaluated based upon the following:

1. Completeness of the application information (10 points)
2. Chapter's viability (25 points). Discuss how the chapter is growing, or plans to grow.
3. Proposal for use of the grant (40 points)
4. Assessed need (25 points)

Grant Selection Process: MCAA's Career Development Committee will evaluate all grant applications received based upon the above criteria and designate the grant recipients that receive the most points. The winners will be notified by telephone and in writing by June 15.

Grant Amount: Each grant will be \$3,000.

For More Information . . . contact Ann Mattheis at 800-556-3653 or by e-mail at amattheis@mcaa.org.