

The National Plasterers Council's REY PERALES MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The National Plasterers Council and the swimming pool industry in southwest Florida experienced shock and dismay, when over the course of a week after being admitted into a hospital, National Board Member Rey Perales passed away. Rey was admitted to the hospital with a case of pneumonia on a Thursday. The next day after numerous tests, he and his family were told that he might also have leukemia. The confirmation came two days later on Monday. He passed away that Friday, August 6, 2007 in the afternoon.

Rey will be missed as a Board Member of the NPC. His smile and positive outlook was always refreshing. Although soft spoken and quiet, when Rey spoke, he commanded attention and people listened. With his keen skill of listening and evaluating the concerns for the organization and industry before speaking, he held the unofficial title of the "conscience" of the organization and the Board. This scholarship was created by the Board of Directors with the intention of keeping the memory and spirit of Rey alive within our hearts and within the NPC.

Many have been touched by Rey in the past and many will now be touched by Rey in the future! Shawn Still, former NPC Education Committee Chair, Olympic Pool Plastering, Norcross, GA stated, "In a voice barely above a whisper, Rey commanded the attention of everyone in the room when he spoke. His crews, customers and peers all held him in the highest regard, and he will be greatly missed. I am proud to have called him a friend." Chris MacDonald from Pebble Technology, Inc. added, "Rey was a long term licensed applicator for Pebble Technology and we looked at him as a leader, an innovator and craftsmen but mostly as a friend. We will greatly miss his enthusiasm and famous work ethic that made his company among the world wide leaders in the pool plastering industry. Our hearts go out to his family and those who worked closely with him over the years. Rey will be missed."



Rey Perales

REYMUNDO "Rey" PERALES, was born October 14, 1951 in Miami, Florida. In 1989, he opened Quality Pool Plastering, Inc. and has been the proud owner since then. He loved the pool business and was an honest, well respected man in the industry and will be missed. Rey is survived by his loving family; wife Patty (Miller); daughters, Chelsea of Florida, Tina and Tammy and son, Donny all from Houston, Texas. Also survived by 14 grandchildren, his father, brother and two sisters, his beloved nieces, nephews, brother and sisters-in-law, and his mother-in-law, Nancy; and his loving companions, Frito and Moo.

Thanks for everything Rey...you will be missed!

PURPOSE OF THE SCHOLARSHIP

It is the purpose of this scholarship fund is to provide annual college scholarships to the children of employees of NPC member companies. The dollar amounts of the scholarships and number of scholarships granted will be determined by a Scholarship Committee annually, based on the available funds. The range of dollars amounts of scholarships will be a minimum of \$500.00 to a maximum of \$2000.00. Scholarships will be announced in January and awarded each year at the NPC National Conference in February.

ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR THE SCHOLARSHIP

Applicants must be a legal son or daughter of an employee of a member company (any membership category) in good standing in the National Plasterers Council. Applicants must be at least a Senior in High School or no more than a Junior in College to apply.

SCHOLASTIC STANDING

Applicants applying as entering Freshman, must have been accepted as a full-time student, as defined by that institution, at an accredited college or community college and must have maintained a scholastic grade point average 3.0 or better for the two (2) years of High School study preceding their application; or if applicants are currently enrolled in an accredited college or community college, they must have carried a minimum of ten (10) hours credit or equivalent and have maintained a cumulative 3.0 grade point average.

Applicants shall provide documentation of the institution's letter grade equivalency for any grade point averages submitted. Transcripts should be mailed to the NPC Scholarship Committee directly from the school.

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

All applicants must furnish two (2) letters of recommendation. Letters should address the student's scholastic ability, character and worthiness to receive a merit award. Letters should be from following:

- (a) a professor or teacher or
- (b) an employer or
- (c) an advisor from a volunteer or extracurricular activity

Letters should be sent directly to the National Plasterers Council by the author or in a sealed enveloped signed by the author over the seal. All letters must be received by December 31, or the application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

THE APPLICATION AND DEADLINE

All applications and other required materials must be received at the National Plasterers Council office by the close of business on December 31, in order to be considered for the upcoming academic year. Applicants who are chosen to receive a scholarship will be notified no later than February 1st. One application per applicant is allowed per year.

TRANSCRIPTS AND TEST SCORES

- **Applying as a High School Seniors:** A certified copy of the student's transcript for the preceding two (2) years must be included and copies of the student's SAT / ACT or other generally accepted testing service scores.
- **Applying as a College Freshmen:** A certified copy of the student's previous semester grades. If the applicant is not a previous recipient of this scholarship include a certified copy of the high school transcript and copies of the student's SAT / ACT or other generally accepted testing service scores.
- **All others:** A certified copy of the student's current college transcripts.

Please make a request with your institution to have an official transcript mailed directly to the National Plasterers Council. Transcripts must be received no later than December 31 or the application is considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the selection committee.

A RESEARCH PAPER from the approved topic list (attached) must be submitted in Modern Language Association Format (MLA Format). Plagiarism is not allowed and is reason for disqualification. A bibliography (work cited page) must be included but is not included in overall word count of the paper.

AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

The Scholarship Committee shall base its awards equally on the following three areas:

- Scholastic Achievement
- Character
- Research Paper

Awards shall be transmitted to the academic institution of choice for the summer or fall Semester of study during the year awarded. Failure to provide institution information where you have been accepted by June 1st of the year awarded may be grounds for forfeiture of the award. Any award funds not used for whatever reason must be returned to the National Plasterers Council within the year received.

Awards are solely the decision of the Scholarship Committee which will be reviewed in a "blind" format so no committee member will be able to identify an applicant. All awards are final.

The Board of Directors and Scholarship Selection Committee will invite first-time award recipients to attend the National Plasterers Council's Annual Conference to receive his or her award. The member company sponsoring the student is expected to assist the student in their expenses to travel to and from the presentation at the NPC National Conference.

For more information or clarification regarding these rules and instructions, please contact the National Plasterers Council at (941) 766-0634 or email us at nponline@comcast.net.

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Applicant Checklist for Submitting Application First Time Applicants

- Complete application
- Request 1st Letter of Recommendation
- Request 2nd Letter of Recommendation
- Request Transcripts from High School (if applicable)
- Request Transcripts from College (if applicable)
- Request Standardized Test Scores from High School
- Research Paper (Print and electronic version)
- Sponsorship secured from Member Company
- Submit all documents so they are received by deadline

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