



Carl E. Poling Memorial Scholarship



Carl Edwin Poling, a long-time fluid power professional, passed away in 2011 at the age of 85.

Upon graduation from the University of Illinois as a mechanical engineering student in 1951, Carl went to work for Cleco Pneumatic Tools in Houston, Texas. In 1958, He joined Hydraquip Corporation, where he would work for the next 33 years. He began with Hydraquip as an outside salesman, was promoted to sales manager and then to president of the company in 1979. He successfully led the company through the turbulent boom and bust years of the Houston energy economy and, upon his retirement, left his successors a business that was well situated to thrive in the future.

Carl was dedicated to the fluid power industry and was active in the FPDA, the FPEF and the Fluid Power Society. He never missed the opportunity to attend meetings and share knowledge with his fellow distributors and he passed on the value of that experience to his junior executives.

Carl's family designated that any donations to FPDA in his memory be directed for educational purposes. The Board of Directors authorized the use of these funds for scholarship recipients to participate in FPDA's Motion + Control Sales Professional Certification Program (M+CSP).

The Poling Scholarship has been funded through generous donations from FPDA members and member companies.

Criteria & Application

Scholarships to be Awarded

Up to eight Poling Scholarships will be awarded annually to selected candidates for the FPDA Motion + Control Sales Professional Certification Program (M+CSP, a \$249 value). Complete details on the M+CSP program are available at FPDA.org.

Criteria

- Applicant must be an employee in good standing of an FPDA Regular (Distributor) Member.
- Applicant will provide a letter of recommendation from a company principal.
- Applicant will provide a brief letter detailing his/her desire to earn the M+CSP designation.
- If accepted, applicant will prepare for and take the M+CSP exam within four months of acceptance

Application and Selection Process

Completed application criteria will be reviewed by FPDA’s headquarters office as received. Applicants will be notified of acceptance within three weeks of application receipt.

Carl E. Poling Memorial Scholarship Application

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Job Title or Position: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Supervisor’s Name: _____

How long have you been employed by the company? _____

If selected, may we have permission to use your photo, name, and your essay and/or recommendation letter in news releases, etc.? ____ YES ____ NO

Application Letter:

Provide a brief letter or email based on the following:

“What Benefit Will You, Your Company and/or the Industry Receive By Your Earning Your M+CSP Certification?”

Please submit your letter as an email or typed, double-spaced letter (limit to two pages) on a separate paper.

Recommendation Letter:

Provide one email or letter of recommendation from a company principal, explaining why you deserve to receive this Scholarship.

Candidate Statement and Authorization:

I acknowledge that the information in this application is true and correct. I understand and agree that any scholarship award is applicable only if I am an employee of an FPDA Distributor Member in good standing and that, if so rewarded, I will prepare for and take the M+CSP exam within four months of acceptance.

Candidate’s Signature

Date

Please submit completed application, personal letter, and letter of recommendation by email to:

info@fpda.org

or mail/fax to:

FPDA

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Fax to 410.263.1659

Questions? Please call FPDA at (410) 940-6347 or send an email to info@fpda.org