

Tom D. Ralls

Memorial Scholarship



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2015 Tom D. Ralls Memorial Scholarship

University of Innovative Distribution

Criteria & Application

Scholarship to be Awarded

One Scholarship to the University of Innovative Distribution will be awarded for each session of the University of Innovative Distribution each year. The awarded scholarship will be for full tuition to the University of Innovative Distribution; travel expenses are to be paid by the scholarship recipient.

Criteria

- Applicant must be an employee in good standing of an FPDA Regular (Distributor) Member organization.
- Applicant must be a qualified member of the FPDA Young Executives (YES).
- Applicant must provide a letter of recommendation from a company principal.
- Applicant must provide an essay detailing his/her desire to attend the University of Innovative Distribution program.

Deadline for Application and Selection Process

Deadline for receipt of the completed application and qualifying criteria by FPDA's headquarters office is **January 14, 2015**. Any materials received after this date will not be reviewed.

All applications submitted prior to this deadline will be reviewed and evaluated by the FPDA Executive Committee and the selected recipient will be notified in writing by January 14, 2015.

2015 Tom D. Ralls Memorial Scholarship Application

Personal Information:

Name: _____

Job Title or Position: _____

Company: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

Email Address: _____

Are you a member of FPDA's Young Executives? (y or n)

Have you attended any previous sessions of the University of Innovative Distribution? (y or n)

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.? ☐ Y ☐ N

Essay:

Provide an essay based on the following:

“What Benefit Will You, Your Company and/or the Industry Receive By Your Attending the University of Innovative Distribution Program?”

Please submit essay typed, double-spaced (limit to two pages) on a separate paper.

Recommendation Letter:

Provide one 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 Member in good standing and a member of FPDA's Young Executives (YES).

Candidate's Signature

Date

Deadline for Receipt of Application at FPDA - January), 201)

Please submit completed application, essay, and letter of recommendation to:

FPDA

Tom Ralls Memorial Scholarship Application

105 Eastern Ave., Suite 104, Annapolis, MD 21403

Fax to (410) 263-1659

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



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The FPDA Tom D. Ralls Memorial Scholarship was established in memory of Tom Ralls, 2003-2004 FPDA President & Chairman of the Board, who lost a courageous battle with cancer in June 2003. Tom's dedication and enthusiastic support of the fluid power industry and the Association will carry on in our memories for years to come. As a strong proponent of FPDA's Young Executives program and a promoter of education and skills development, this Scholarship will honor Tom while providing an opportunity for a YES member to gain knowledge at the University of Innovative Distribution.

This Scholarship has been funded through generous donations from FPDA member companies and by the FPDA Board of Directors. FPDA members are encouraged to make tax-deductible donations in support of the Tom D. Ralls Memorial Scholarship. To contribute, make checks payable to "FPEF - Tom Ralls Memorial Scholarship" and mail to FPDA, 105 Eastern Ave., Suite 104, Annapolis, MD 21403.



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FPDA is a founding co-sponsor to the University of Innovative Distribution. Hundreds of FPDA member representatives have benefited from the educational experience offered by the University, and FPDA is proud to support this program.