



2016 Dekema Scholarship

The Dekema Scholarship honors the accomplishments of Jacob Dekema, District 11 Director, from 1955 to 1980. He is credited with shaping much of San Diego County's freeway systems, including Interstate 805, which is named after the transportation pioneer.

The scholarship has three organizational sponsors that are committed to excellence in transportation. They include the Caltrans District 11 Employees' Committee, the California Transportation Foundation, and the San Diego Highway Development Association.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2016 Dekema Scholarship. This year, two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or documented international student
- Be a high school senior in California or an undergraduate or graduate student from a California state accredited college.
- Have a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Pursue or plan to pursue a course of study and career in transportation, including, but not limited to:
 - Administration
 - Construction Management
 - Engineering
 - Environmental Studies
 - Finance
 - Geography
 - Information Technology
 - Public Affairs or Public Policy
 - City, Regional, or Urban Planning
 - Information Technology

Application Materials

The Dekema Scholarship is competitive and will be based upon applicants' specific transportation goals, academic records, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Each applicant must submit the following materials:

- A completed scholarship application
- A written statement (approximately 500 words) outlining career goals
- A letter of recommendation by a professor or job supervisor is encouraged
- Latest report card for high school students or official transcripts for college students
- Proof of enrollment

Application forms may be accessed at:

www.dot.ca.gov/dist11/dekema.html

If you do not have internet access, please call Karen Young at (619) 688-6496.

Deadline

The completed application must be received **no later than April 15, 2016, at 11:59 p.m.** Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Send completed applications either by:

E-mail:

Please return your completed application to: karen.young@dot.ca.gov
(The e-mail subject line should include the "Dekema Scholarship - Your Name").

Or

United States Postal Service:

Dekema Scholarship Applications
Attention: Karen Young
California Department of Transportation
4050 Taylor Street, M.S. 122
San Diego, CA 92110

Selection Process and Award Notification

A panel of transportation professionals will review all applications. After careful review, two winners will be notified by April 29, 2016. The scholarship recipients will be acknowledged in the Caltrans newsletter Freeways and Faces, the California Transportation Foundation website, and will be awarded the scholarship in the spring/summer of 2016.

Note: The Dekema Scholarship selection process is open and competitive. No member of the selection committee will be related to or under the economic control of any current scholarship applicant. The scholarship awards will be made without discrimination.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or need an application, please contact Karen Young at karen.young@dot.ca.gov or (619) 688-6496.