The Memorial Scholarship was established by the Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) in 2007 to recognize the outstanding work and enthusiasm Charlie Parnell contributed to the erosion and sediment control and stormwater field. MECA wishes to award this $500 scholarship to an individual who wants to pursue an engineering or science degree with an emphasis on erosion and sediment control or stormwater management.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- To be eligible for the MECA Scholarship, you must be a student with intent to complete an engineering or science degree.
- You should also demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career involving stormwater management or erosion and sediment control.
- You must have a grade point average of 2.5 and be a Minnesota resident. Your college does not have to be located within the state of Minnesota. Both new college students and those currently enrolled are encouraged to apply.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill out the Scholarship Application form (below).
2. Submit an essay. Write an essay stating why you feel you deserve to receive the MECA Scholarship. Please indicate your objectives, and information about your educational, career, and personal goals. Demonstrate your talent by writing about any special interests or special circumstances that you may wish the selection committee to consider. Include information on evidence of leadership and community service. \textbf{Essay format:} One page, 11 point font size with 1” margins. Use your name and essay name as the title.

\textbf{Return your application and essay by mail or email (digital copy is preferred) to:}

Minnesota Erosion Control Association  
600 4th Street North  
Cold Spring, MN 56320  
meca@mnerosion.org

\textbf{Application Deadline: December 15, 2016}

The application must be postmarked or sent via email no later than December 15, 2016

For more information, contact the Minnesota Erosion Control Association at (320) 685-5444 or meca@mnerosion.org

\textbf{IMPORTANT INFORMATION}

Once awarded, proof of school registration for the upcoming semester is required before release of the scholarship check. You must furnish any other applicable transcripts you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider. All applicants will be notified, by letter, of their eligibility and the results of their applications. The scholarship winner will be invited to attend the Minnesota Erosion Control Association’s annual conference in January.
Please type or print!

Name: _______________________________________________________________________________________________________________

Address: _______________________________________________________________________________ Phone: __________________________

City/State/Zip: __________________________________________________________________________ Email: __________________________

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

College attending next semester: ______________________________________________________________________________________

College address: ______________________________________________________________________________________________________

Major: ___________________________________________________________________________ Expected graduation date: ______________

College GPA: _____________ High School GPA: _____________

List other college(s) attended, units completed and GPA:
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ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION:

List any activities or community service that you have participated in.
_____________________________________________________________________________________________________________________
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ESSAY:

Please attach your essay stating why you feel you deserve to receive the MECA Scholarship.
(Instructions listed above.)

SIGNATURE:

I understand that submission of this application authorizes the scholarship committee to obtain my college transcript. I authorize the release of all the foregoing scholarship information and/or materials. I also give permission to release my name to the sponsors, newspapers and college website for publicity.

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by: __________________________ Date: __________________________  ☐ Mail  ☐ Email

Received:  ☐ Application  ☐ Essay

Scholarship Committee:

Meets Criteria?  ☐ Yes  ☐ No  If no, explain: __________________________________________________________________________

Funding recommendation:  ☐ Yes  ☐ No

Board Action:  ☐ Approved  ☐ Rejected  Board Meeting Date: __________________________