



The Past President's Memorial Scholarship

The Past President's Memorial Scholarship was founded in 1991. At that time, five companies, GWR Engineering, Hallam Engineering, Avengco Engineering, Hertzberg Engineering, and Mechanical Consulting Services, contributed to create the scholarship given in the memory of Tom Wolfstich.

Tom Wolfstich had his roots in Albany, NY following in his father's footsteps as a union plumber and pipe fitter. He came to Vermont in 1979 to run the plumbing division at New England Air Systems Inc, a company Bobby Miller had created a few years earlier. Tom was known for his skills in lay out and installing piping systems for large projects, especially renovation work. He was also known for his contagious sense of humor and playing pranks on colleagues. In 1984, Tom, along with Steve Bartlett and John Lawrence, bought New England Air Systems Inc from Bobby Miller. About that same time, Tom started getting involved in ASHRAE and started to advance through the Board of Governors chairs. In 1988-1989, Tom was the President of the Champlain Valley Chapter of ASHRAE. He was also very active in the local chapter of the Plumbing, Heating and Cooling contractors association, PHCC. In March 1991, Tom died unexpectedly of complications from lung cancer that was connected to asbestos exposure through the years. His wife Janis and three children, two of who still live in Vermont, survive him.

The award has changed somewhat over the years. There are many companies that contribute \$100.⁰⁰ each to create the scholarship fund. The ASHRAE Champlain Valley Chapter has also lost some of our other past president's and decided to rename the scholarship from the Thomas Wolfstich Memorial Scholarship to the Past President's Memorial Scholarship.

If you would like to contribute to the scholarship fund, please address your correspondence to the address noted below.

The scholarship committee decides whom to award the scholarship to each year. The requirements include enrollment in a four-year college with completion of at least three semesters or enrollment in a two-year college with completion of at least two semesters, Enrolment in the college's mechanical engineering or architectural engineering program, a minimum overall 3.0 grade point average, the student must demonstrate a financial need, and shows interest in pursuing a career in an ASHRAE oriented field. At the discretion of the scholarship committee, there can be one award or multiple awards given each year. The scholarship is paid directly to the recipients' school in care of the winner.

Student applications are now being accepted for the Thomas Wolfstich scholarship award. A copy of the application is posted on our website www.ashraevt.com.

Champlain Valley Chapter ASHRAE
American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineers

THE PAST PRESIDENT'S MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Mail Completed form by March 20, 2009

To: Vermont Energy Investment Corporation
Attn: ASHRAE CVC Scholarship Committee – Heather Condon
255 South Champlain St.; Suite 7
Burlington, VT 05401-4894

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, and Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Attending School: _____

Address: _____

Year: _____ Class (Circle) F So Jr Sr Current GPA: _____

Describe Major:

Are you an ASHRAE Student Member? Yes No

Please Submit/Enclose a Written Endorsement from your Mechanical Engineering Professor, Advisor, or Dean.

Is the Endorsement Attached? Yes No

Please answer the following questions on the backside of this form. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

1. What do you know about ASHRAE?
2. Describe what you think you can contribute to ASHRAE and what ASHRAE might contribute to your career.
3. Describe work experience related to an ASHRAE related field that you have had.
4. Describe which college area of study that has been of most interest to date and why.
5. Explain any special projects or activities that you participated in.
6. Explain which ASHRAE oriented field you wish to pursue.