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member of the Missouri Collectors Association (MCA) and American Collectors Association (ACA). ♦ Among many positions in which Bill served, her performed twice as MCA president and also as ACA treasurer. Bill was always ready, willing, and able to lead and help his fellow members.

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**Eligibility**

**MCA Harold Leydens Student Scholarship**

To be eligible for application for the Missouri Collectors Association Student Scholarship Program the applicant must:

- ♦ be a graduating high school Senior from any Missouri high school with a preference that the recipient have attended high school near one of our member affiliates by June of the year in which the application is submitted so that they may further their education at post-secondary colleges, universities, community, or technical colleges.
- ♦ the applicant must be a current resident of the state of Missouri and citizen of the United States.
- ♦ the applicant must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours at an accredited college, university, vocational-technical college or community college within 12 months following receipt of the award.

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**MCA Bill Bland Membership Scholarship**

To be eligible for application for the Missouri Collectors Association Membership Scholarship Program the applicant must:

- ♦ be current employee of a company affiliated with the Missouri Collectors Association; or, be a dependent child of such so they may further their education at post-secondary colleges, universities, community, or technical colleges.
- ♦ the applicant must enroll for a minimum of 12 credit hours at an accredited college, university, vocational-technical college or community college within 12 months following receipt of the award.

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receiving this award will take place by August 15, of the Scholarship Year. The MCA reserves the right to use the applicants name, likeness, and essay. All personal information submitted by the applicant will not be distributed for any other use but to award the

scholarship.

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