



J. Richard Troll Memorial Scholarship Fund

2026-2027 Academic Year

Completing this application will allow you to be considered for the J. Richard Troll Memorial Scholarship, an annual scholarship awarded to three undergraduate-level college or university students and one graduate student of exceptional quality, who are majoring in packaging engineering or a related packaging field.

Who was J. Richard Troll?

J. Richard “Dick” Troll was a founder, past president, and chairman of the Association of Independent Corrugated Converters (AICC), an international trade association representing the independent sector of the corrugated packaging industry. He was an established leader, having lived in the corrugated paper and packaging industry and fully able to understand the box plant owner’s concerns.

Dick was also the founder of the International Corrugated Packaging Foundation (ICPF), the corrugated packaging industry’s educational foundation that was established in 1985 and is dedicated to improving corrugated industry education for students studying packaging in universities, technical colleges, and trade schools.

Dick was passionate about education for those already in the corrugated paper industry, but more importantly, for young people in colleges, universities, and schools. He loved the corrugated industry—which is the largest segment of the entire packaging industry—and recognized its potential. He saw corrugated, and rightly so, as the industry offering more career opportunities and more ways to achieve one’s personal and professional fulfillment. His dream was always that those studying packaging would want to apply their talents to corrugated packaging. And so, the trustees of the J. Richard Troll Memorial Fund established this scholarship to help exemplary packaging students achieve scholastic and professional success.

Dick Troll passed away in December 1996, but his memory and his dream live on in The J. Richard Troll Memorial Scholarship.

Please review the next page for specific criteria information.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

The following criteria must be met in order to apply for this scholarship:

- Must have a declared packaging engineering (or related packaging field) as primary major
 - **Special consideration given to those with an interest in pursuing a career in the corrugated industry.**
- If undergraduate, you must have successfully completed at least two (2) years of study towards this degree
- Must have maintained a 3.0 or above grade level in all studies

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Completed application forms, including the essay, must be submitted by **Friday, May 29, 2025**, to be considered.

HOW TO SUBMIT

Email is the preferred entry method, but mailing the form is acceptable as well.

- E-mail completed applications to: cmay@aiccbox.org
- If mailing in your application, send to:
Chelsea May
AICC
113 S West St, 3rd floor
Alexandria, VA 22313

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

Scholarship awards will be granted in the following manner (in U.S. dollars):

- **First Place: \$3,000**
PLUS an all-expenses paid trip to the AICC/TAPPI 2026 Corrugated Week, taking place Monday, September 28 - Wednesday, September 30, 2026, in Fort Worth, Texas.
Includes air travel, meals, and hotel accommodations. You will stay at the AICC host hotel and AICC will make your travel arrangements.
- **Second Place: \$1,000**
- **Third Place: \$1,000**
- **Graduate Award: \$3,000**
- **PLUS** an all-expenses paid trip to the AICC/TAPPI 2026 Corrugated Week, taking place Monday, September 28 - Wednesday, September 30, 2026, in Fort Worth, Texas.
Includes air travel, meals, and hotel accommodations. You will stay at the AICC host hotel and AICC will make your travel arrangements.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS NOTIFICATION

Scholarship winners and schools will be notified after the winners have been determined.

Scholarship awards will be sent directly to the winner's school to be applied towards their tuition fees.

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APPLICATION FORM

The following pages must be completed in their entirety for proper consideration.
No other forms or pages may be substituted.

SECTION I: STUDENT IDENTIFICATION

Full Name: _____

School: _____

Permanent (Home) Address: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email Address*: _____

*(*please provide an email address where you can be reached year-round as notifications to the winners will be sent in the summer months)*

Student Advisor Name: _____

Student Advisor Phone/Email: _____

SECTION II: PERMISSION STATEMENTS

Since the criteria for this scholarship are based upon the applicant's academic record, it may become necessary for the trustees of the scholarship fund to request your academic history to assist them during the selection process. If you agree to allow this information to be shared with the trustees, please sign and date the following:

I give permission to disclose information about my academic record, as listed with
_____ *(fill in school name)* to the trustees of the
J. Richard Troll Memorial Scholarship Fund.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

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SECTION III: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Previous College/University History

If you have attended other colleges or universities or have a degree from another college or university, please complete the following:

| College/University | No. of transfer credits accepted by current school | Dates Attended (From - To) |
|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| 1. | | |
| 2. | | |
| 3. | | |

Academic Information (from current school)

Check one (current status):

Freshman
 Sophomore
 Junior
 Senior
 Graduate Student

What month and year will you graduate? _____

Complete the following chart about your current and future academic plans:

| COURSES, Spring 2026 Dept. # / Title | Credits |
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| COURSES, Fall 2027 Dept. # / Title | Credits |
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| COURSES, Spring 2027 Dept. # / Title | Credits |
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SECTION IV: SCHOOL, COLLEGE & UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES

List all club and organization activities you have participated in while at your current school:

| Name of Club or Organization | Membership Dates From – To | Officer Status | Committee Member |
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SECTION V: PROFESSIONAL ENHANCMENT ACTIVITIES

List all professional enhancement activities such as internships, professional meetings or seminars, overseas study, co-ops, or general overseas experience:

| Event | Date(s) Involved | Description of Involvement |
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SECTION VI: COMMUNITY OR SERVICE ACTIVITIES

List all participation in community or service organizations and activities that have broadened your perspective or enhanced your background:

| Organization / Activity | Date(s) Involved | Description of Involvement / Benefits |
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SECTION VII: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

How is your college education being financed for this academic year:

Parent Support: _____% Financial Aid: _____% Personal Support: _____%

If you are being awarded financial aid, please specify dollar amounts for this academic year:

Scholarships: \$ _____ Loans: \$ _____

Grants: \$ _____ Work Study: \$ _____

Work History

List all employment that has contributed to meeting educational expenses:

| Position | Dates (From – To) | Place of Employment |
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Scholarship History

Have you applied for this scholarship previously?

Yes No

Please list all scholarships or awards you have **received** while enrolled as a packaging major:

| Scholarship / Award | Amount | Date Received |
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SECTION VIII: REQUIRED ESSAY

Submit a one–page essay about yourself and your future packaging industry career objectives, goals, and/or perspective. The essay should be typewritten and stapled to the back of this application form. **Special consideration given to those with an interest in pursuing a career in the corrugated industry.**