**FIRST Scholarship**

**Scholarship Description**
In support of the *FIRST* mission, Itasca Community College and Iron Range Engineering are collaboratively offering two, $1000.00 merit-based scholarships, to high school seniors who have participated on a *FIRST* team during their high school career. This scholarship may be utilized for undergraduate coursework in the Itasca Community College Engineering Program (A.S. in Engineering Degree) at either the Itasca or Iron Range engineering campuses for the 2019-2020 academic year.

**Eligibility**
To be eligible for this scholarship, you must:
- Be a senior in high school
- Have participated on a *FIRST* Robotics Competition (FRC) team or a *FIRST* Tech Challenge (FTC) team.
- Apply to Itasca Community College as a full time student.
- Have a HS grade point average of 3.2 or higher (on a scale of 4.0).
- Have intentions of pursuing the field of engineering

**Scholarship Application Package Contents**
To apply for the Itasca Community College Engineering *FIRST* Scholarship, complete the application package, including:
- A completed Itasca Community College *FIRST* Scholarship Application
- A 500 word essay regarding how your *FIRST* experience has affected your career goals and how your *FIRST* experience will help you to be a leader in the engineering learning community.
- A letter of recommendation from an adult mentor/coach on your *FIRST* team
- An unofficial copy of student’s high school transcript

**Application Deadline**
The completed *FIRST* Scholarship application package must be submitted by: **April 15, 2019**
About Itasca Community College / Engineering

Itasca Community College, located in Grand Rapids, MN features the most complete two-year engineering program in the state. Itasca’s nationally recognized engineering program follows ABET accreditation guidelines and provides the first full two years of engineering course work with seamless transfer to university programs.

ICC Engineering has a reputation for high quality teaching in a hands-on environment; developing students who are creative technical leaders, professionally skilled at working in teams, and well versed in the application of engineering concepts. In addition to classroom project-based learning, ICC Engineering students have a broad range of opportunities to work on real-world engineering teams through industry internships, community volunteer opportunities, and service learning projects.

Student life activities are a big part of the engineering learning community at ICC and are led by the same staff and faculty you work with everyday. This time allows students to build personal connections with their fellow students and teachers as well as find support in the recreational activities and study groups that are formed. The learning community environment also helps to support students in their personal missions to reach out and share the field of engineering with others. ICC’s FIRST mentoring team is a perfect example (students who are FIRST alumni help ICC Engineering to provide workshops and events for area FIRST teams). Through the engineering learning community, students help each other to grow and ultimately succeed.

Our teaching philosophy is simple. We do everything we can to empower students, to succeed at becoming engineers. We give you guidance, become a part of your lives, motivate you, expose you to engineering, and provide you with the highest quality of learning.

Itasca Community College was founded in 1922, and enrolls approximately 1200 students with an average class size of 24. In addition to the engineering program, Itasca Community College offers a wide range of liberal arts courses and other featured transfer programs such as Psychology, Business, Class Act/Education and Nursing.

Itasca Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission of North Central Association of Colleges and Schools. To learn more about Itasca Community College go to: www.itascacc.edu and to the engineering web page at: www.itascacc.edu/engineering for more information about the A.S. in Engineering Degree program.

The Itasca Engineering Program’s A.S in engineering degree is also offered as the first two years of the four-year Iron Range Engineering Program located in Virginia, MN.

About Iron Range Engineering

ICC’s model of developing innovative and technical individuals is very similar to their IRE model. IRE students learn how to be self-directed engineers by working on real-world problems that IRE receives from its industry partners. In going through this engineering design process, IRE’s student engineers learn their technical competency skills by applying it to their experiences through their project work. Along with this, they get to practice teaming and professionalism skills because of the collaborative team environment that each project entails. With this unique and nationally recognized curriculum, IRE students are able to have a large array of opportunities which include many different types of industry internships, co-ops, volunteer opportunities, and full-time employment upon graduation. To learn more about Iron Range Engineering go to: http://www.ire.minnstate.edu/

The BEST PLACE to START!
Itasca Community College/1851 East Highway 169/Grand Rapids, Minnesota 55744-3397
www.itascacc.edu/engineering / 218-322-2370 / 800-996-6422

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**Itasca Community College**

**FIRST Scholarship Application**

**Personal Information**

Name________________________

Address________________________

City__________________ State_____ Zip ______

Country______________________ US Citizen: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Telephone (____)_____________ E-mail ________________________________

**FIRST Team Number______ FIRST Team Name ____________________________

FIRST Program: ☐ FRC ☐ FTC Year(s) of participation _______ HS GPA _______

Intended College Major ________________________________________________

Itasca Community College Admission Application:

☐ Has already been submitted ☐ Will be submitted

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ______________________

**Additional Materials**

Be sure to include the following materials in your application package:

☐ A 500 word essay regarding how your FIRST experience has affected your career goals and how you might draw on your FIRST experience to serve as a leader in ICC’s engineering learning community

☐ A letter of recommendation from one of your FIRST adult coaches/mentors.

☐ An unofficial copy of student’s high school transcript

**Application Submission**

Your FIRST Scholarship application and supporting materials must be received by:

**April 15, 2019**

Please send your application package to:

Kim Damiani, Director of Engineering Outreach
Itasca Community College / 1851 E Hwy 169 /Grand Rapids, MN  55744

Questions? Contact Kim Damiani at 218-322-2370 or email Kim at:
kimberly.damiani@itascacc.edu