Charlie O’Meilia Scholarship

Purpose: The Charlie O’Meilia Scholarship is awarded by the Palm Beach County (Florida) chapter in honor of long-time member Charlie O’Meilia. The scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to children of ICC Governmental Members.

Program Administration

- The program is managed by the International Code Council. The Palm Beach County Chapter provides funding for the scholarship on an annual basis.

- A committee of volunteers will select the recipient of the scholarship.

The selection process is as follows:
- The eligibility of the applicants will be verified.
- The applications will be reviewed to determine if all required information has been furnished.
- The committee will review all eligible applications using the Scholarship Selection Criteria.
- The recipient will be selected by a committee of volunteers and notified by the International Code Council on behalf of the Palm Beach County Chapter.

- The administrative process and guidelines are as follows:
- One scholarship of $1,000 will be awarded.
- Applications shall be received by the deadline posted each year and submitted to the office of the International Code Council.

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        c/o: Karla Price Higgs
        900 Montclair Road
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- The recipient will be announced in the month of August.
- The maximum number of years that funds may be granted a student is four years.
- Awards are distributed in accordance with current IRS regulations.
- The recipient must be enrolled in a recognized and/or accredited school such as a university, trade school, business college or other as approved by
the International Code Council prior to distribution of the award.

Eligibility

- Code Enforcement Employees

  Applicants shall be children (as defined below) of code enforcement agency personnel. The jurisdictional authority must be an active Governmental Member of the International Code Council.

- Children of Code Enforcement Employees

  Children must be dependents as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. Typically, this includes birth children, stepchildren, legally adopted children, or a legal ward financially supported by the employee.

- Geographic Restrictions

  Qualified applicants from the State of Florida will be given first consideration.

Selection Criteria

- The applicant must:
  - Be pursuing educational opportunities beyond the high school level at a recognized and/or accredited institution.
  - Demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Financial information will be required along with detail of any other financial assistance the applicant is receiving.
  - Provide evidence of satisfactory scholastic achievement including grades, test scores and teacher recommendations.
  - Complete the Scholarship Application. A one-page narrative on why the applicant should be awarded the scholarship is also required.