Hester Scholarship Program
About NSCA Education Foundation
The mission of the NSCA Education Foundation is to advance educational opportunities by providing scholarships and awards to assist existing professionals and those pursuing careers within the low-voltage electronic systems integration industry. The foundation is committed to the growth of the industry by providing access to the best education and latest techniques available. The NSCA Education Foundation, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, promotes and engages current and future electronic systems integrators in educational experiences to enhance the growth, professionalism and business skills needed in the electronic systems industry. For more information, visit www.nscafoundation.org.

About Hester Scholarship Program
The Hester Scholarship Program was introduced in February 2016 by Michael and Kiffie Hester. The mission of the Hester Scholarship Program is to attract and recruit veterans to the communications, security, life safety, entertainment technology, and electronic systems industry.

This scholarship was established specifically for veterans who are just entering the workforce and would like to be trained to enter the electronic systems industry in one of its many chosen career paths.

Eligibility
- Applicant must be a U.S. citizen.
- Applicant must have completed and received a high school diploma or the equivalent of a high school diploma (GED).
- Applicant must be able to show proof that he/she is a U.S. veteran (a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable).

Application Requirements
✓ Completed application form. (The application must be filled out completely to be considered. All incomplete applications will be returned unprocessed; there are no exceptions for late or incomplete applications.)
✓ Two letters of recommendation from non-family members, career counselors, electronics industry professionals, advisors/mentors, apprenticeship supervisors, current or former employers, or military commanders/leaders/supervisors on official letterhead.
✓ Proof that applicant is a U.S. veteran (a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released under conditions other than dishonorable).

Selection Process
- Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis to qualified veterans who have a high school diploma and military experience.
- A scholarship judging panel, comprised of industry leaders, will select award recipients based upon:
  o Presentation of application (spelling, punctuation, etc.)
  o Work/military experience
  o Strength of letters of recommendation
Award Procedures

- Applicants will be notified of their award status via email.
- Scholarship awards are distributed once an acknowledgment of acceptance has been received from the recipient and the program of choice has been selected.
- Award amount may be up to $1,000 (for payment of program fees and certification testing only).
- Scholarship awards will be sent directly to accredited schools (distance-learning or online programs affiliated with a major U.S. institution are eligible) or to ESPA (Electronic Systems Professional Alliance) and administered by the NSCA Education Foundation.
- Approved veterans receiving scholarship funds will receive recognition in NSCA, CEDIA, CTA, and/or ESPA publications, based upon their desired career path.
Hester Scholarship Program Application

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name: ________________________________________________________________

First                                  Middle                                        Last

Current Address: _________________________________________________________

Street Address

________________________________  USA

City  State  ZIP

Phone Number: (_____)_________________  Email: ________________________________

Date of Birth: ____/____/____  U.S. Citizen?:  YES  NO

EDUCATIONAL AND MILITARY INFORMATION

High School Information

Name of High School: ____________________________________________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Did you graduate?:  YES  NO

Year: __________

Did you achieve a GED?:  YES  NO

Year: __________

U.S. Military Career Information

In which branch of the U.S. military did you serve?:

Army  Navy  Marines  Air Force  Coast Guard

What was your Military Occupation Code(s) or Specialty MOC/MOS?:

______________________________________________________________

What year were you honorably discharged from the military?: __________

Are you a current member of the military within six months of transitioning into a
civilian career?:  YES  NO

College or Program Information

What is the specific name of the college degree or industry program for which you
will be using these scholarship funds? ________________________________
College Name: __________________________________________________________

Department: _________________ Department Chair: _______________________

Address: ______________________________________________________________

Type of Degree Being Earned: _________________ Cumulative GPA: ___________

Expected Graduation/Completion Date: ______________________________________

Number of Credit Hours Expected to be Taken in Grant Year: __________________

Estimated Tuition Cost: _________________

Industry Education Program Name: _________________________________________

Program Website: _________________________________________________________

Name of Anticipated License or Certification: ________________________________

Estimated Education/License/Certification Fees: ______________________________

**FINANCIAL POSITION (OPTIONAL)**

Annual Income: $______________

Number of Dependents: ________ Ages: ______________________________________

Additional Information About Family/Financial Position: ______________________

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ALL APPLICANTS
What interests you about the electronic systems industry? _____________________
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List experience in the electronic systems industry or related areas, if any. Include any military experience, if applicable. _____________________
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION REQUIRED BEFORE APPLICATION CAN BE REVIEWED

✓ Proof that applicant is a United States Veteran (i.e. a person who served in the active military, naval, or air service, and who was discharged or released there from under conditions other than dishonorable).

✓ Include two letters of recommendation from (a non-family member) a current or former employer, military commander/leader/supervisor on official letterhead.

Electronically submit supporting documents (PDF format preferred) to: nscafoundation@nsca.org
Subject Line: NSCA Education Foundation Hester Scholarship Program

If you are unable to email the information, you may mail the documents to:

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