



**2009 American Logistics Scholarship Award**  
to attend the  
**National Conference on Transporting Students with Disabilities & Preschoolers**

*Edupro Group announces the inaugural American Logistics Scholarship Award for 2009.*

Pursue your professional goals of advancing your knowledge about generally accepted best practices for safe, compliant transportation of students with special needs. Apply for a scholarship to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference & Exhibition on Transporting Students with Disabilities & Preschoolers, February 27 – March 4, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN.

This scholarship is made possible by the American Logistics Company, which offers specialized transportation services to the school transportation community as well as two other business segments. For more information about American Logistics Company contact Chris Thomas at [cthomas@amlogco.com](mailto:cthomas@amlogco.com) or 866 999-3371, ext. 225.

This scholarship is designed to help develop the next generation of leaders in special needs transportation, foster dissemination of knowledge about best practices, and enhance practitioner involvement in the creation of usable knowledge related to special needs transportation.

The American Logistics Scholarship Award covers registration fees to the National Conference and one of its separate registration workshops; travel expense; lodging; and an allowance for certain meals that are not available as part of the conference. Any other accommodation is not provided for under the terms of this award. In this first year of the scholarship program, one scholarship will be awarded.

### **CRITERIA FOR APPLICANTS**

You must

- be currently employed by a school district, Head Start provider or contract transportation provider of school transportation, and
- be serving in a transportation or related services position (as defined by the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act), and
- have held such position in for a minimum of one year prior to applying for this scholarship, and
- submit as part of your application a signed letter of recommendation and approval of your employer to apply for and, if chosen, accept the Scholarship.
- If chosen for the Scholarship, you must attend the National Conference for its entire duration, arriving February 27 and departing March 4, 2009.

No person who has presented during the National Conference on Transporting Students with Disabilities & Preschoolers is eligible to receive this scholarship. No person is eligible who has previously registered to attend the 2009 conference.

Because financial resources for this award are limited, the Scholarship Review Committee encourages applications from people for whom this award would make a difference to their ability to attend the conference. Priority will be given to those who are active practitioners working in some aspect of transportation of children on a day-to-day-basis, and are determined by the Scholarship Review Committee to have demonstrated a commitment to professionalism, leadership, and increased workplace knowledge of safe, compliant transportation of students with special needs.

Winners of a previous year's Scholarship Award are not eligible to apply for the following year's Award.

### **BONUS OPPORTUNITY**

The year following an individual's receipt of the American Logistics Scholarship Award, Edupro Group, the conference sponsor, will extend to that individual the opportunity to serve on a panel or deliver a presentation during that year's conference, thereby guaranteeing the award recipient the opportunity to attend the National Conference two years in a row with registration fees, travel and lodging paid.

### **GOALS OF THE SCHOLARSHIP AWARD**

- Enhance the ability to provide excellent services to constituent groups.
- Strengthen understanding of and competence and interest in safe, compliant transportation of students with special needs.
- Provide an avenue for an active, positive interaction with colleagues that will strengthen opportunities to engage in professional networking.
- Increase interest in participating in additional professional development activities.

### **SCHOLARSHIP REVIEW COMMITTEE**

The 2009 Scholarship Review Committee consists of members of the Tenured Faculty for the National Conference on Transporting Students with Disabilities & Preschoolers. The Committee is co-chaired by Chris Thomas, Manager, American Logistics Company, and Roseann Schwaderer, President, Edupro Group.

### **APPLICATION & SELECTION**

Additional copies of this four-page application package are available online at [www.eduprogroup.com](http://www.eduprogroup.com) or by request to [conference@eduprogroup.com](mailto:conference@eduprogroup.com).

Completed Scholarship applications (with required signatures and documentation) must be received no later than January 15, 2009 via e-mail or by mail postmarked no later than January 15, 2009. Selections will be made after reviewing all properly completed applications received by the submission deadline. The applicant selected for the Scholarship will be notified on or about January 30, 2009.

Scholarships are not transferable and must be used for the time period specified in this application.

### **CONTACT US**

Questions? Contact Roseann Schwaderer at [conference@eduprogroup.com](mailto:conference@eduprogroup.com) or 703 288-4088.

### **Mailing address:**

Scholarship Review Committee, Edupro Group, 6913 Ridgedale Court , McLean VA 22101.

# 2009 American Logistics Scholarship Application Form

Use this form to apply for a scholarship to attend the 18<sup>th</sup> National Conference & Exhibition on Transporting Students with Disabilities & Preschoolers, February 27 – March 4, 2009 in Indianapolis, IN. The Conference is sponsored by Edupro Group, LLC. **Incomplete applications will not be reviewed. Completed applications must be received by January 15, 2009.**

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile phone \_\_\_\_\_

1. Briefly describe your job responsibilities. (attach separately if longer than 3 lines)

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2. Have you attended this National Conference previously?  No  
 Yes; When \_\_\_\_\_

3. Have you previously requested funding from your employer to attend this conference, but been denied?  No  Yes If Yes, state the reason for this denial if you recall it. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Why do you want to attend this National Conference. (attach separately if longer than 3 lines)

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5. How will you use what you learn during this National Conference to promote safe transportation of students with special needs? (attach separately if longer than 3 lines)

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6. Have you ever participated in a special needs or regular transportation roadeo at the district, state or national level? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes If Yes, at which level and when? \_\_\_\_\_  
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7. Are you a member of any professional associations related to school transportation or related services? \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ Yes If Yes, what group(s) \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. On a separate page:

- Describe an occasion in which you participated with others in resolving a challenging situation that involved transportation of a student with special needs. Describe your role in the action taken.
- Describe also how you have exercised leadership in other situations in your workplace (1) with your peers; (2) with your supervisor; or (3) with a student or (4) with a parent. You may choose two of these four possibilities to answer this requirement.
- If you would like to, tell us something about yourself that you think will be important to the Scholarship Review Committee as they consider your application.

9. Attach a signed letter of recommendation and approval of your employer to apply for and, if chosen, accept the American Logistics Scholarship Award.

**10. Sign this application form, indicating that you understand and accept all of the criteria and requirements.**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Email all four pages of your completed application to [conference@eduprogroup.com](mailto:conference@eduprogroup.com) or mail it to**

**Mailing address:  
Scholarship Review Committee  
Edupro Group  
6913 Ridgedale Court  
McLean VA 22101**

**This four-page document constitutes the entire 2009 American Logistics Scholarship Application Package. You may wish to retain a copy of the document for your files.**