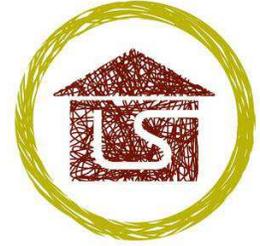




Live Safe with the ABCO-Shatten Education Scholarship Fund

Connecting ABCO Associates with each other and the community

The ABCO-Shatten Education Fund promotes education, youth leadership, and fire safety in the communities where our associates live and work.



The Live Safe Foundation through a strategic programmatic partnership with ABCO Fire Protection is proudly partnering together to provide a "***Live Safe with the ABCO-Shatten Education Fund***". The fund is established to support the communities where ABCO Associates live and work. The program fund will strive to offer financial assistance for college students. The fund was inspired by the Shatten Civic Distinction Award honors given to ABCO Fire Protection by the Entrepreneurs EDGE Organization.

Each year the Entrepreneur's EDGE Organization provides the Shatten Civic Distinction Award which recognizes a Leading EDGE honored company that exemplifies the spirit of Richard Shatten, who had a strong love for the Northeast Ohio community and gave his time tirelessly in an effort to make it better for everyone. Richard's life was cut short in 2002 when he succumbed to a brain tumor. Each year, The Entrepreneurs EDGE honors his memory and continues to build on the ideas that he so passionately supported by recognizing a leading EDGE company that exemplifies Richard's spirit. In May 2013, ABCO Fire Protection was honored to be the recipient of this award.

With funds made available from the Shatten Civic Distinction Award, ABCO Fire Protection and the Live Safe Foundation is offering a scholarship for graduating high school seniors in the communities surrounding ABCO Fire Protection service locations. The vision for the fund is to enable the student to support their education in areas where our associates live and work. The funds may be used to help purchase supplies and textbooks and the scholarship is paid directly to the recipients school. In the future, the Education Fund may provide a "lifeline" to students who may also need to overcome the impact of an emergency (such as a fire in their campus residence) and to stay on track with their education. In addition to the funds provided, the student will be given a special 'Custom Student Fire Safety Kit' for going off to college. The kit will include items such as a fire extinguisher and a photoelectric smoke detector, as well as providing an access code to the Flashpoint online fire safety curriculum provided by NIFAST preparing them for fire and life safety issues away from home or while living on their own.

ABCO Associates believe in making a difference and giving back. The development of the "Live Safe with the ABCO-Shatten Education Fund" is an opportunity to continue to support our mission and community, as well as continue to honor the legacy of Richard Shatten and his effort to make the world a better place.

The scholarship will be administered through The Live Safe Foundation — a non-profit organization devoted to making fire and life safety education and awareness available to everyone. ABCO Employee Jill Marcinick founded the Live Safe Foundation in 2009.

How to Apply

Basic Requirements:

Scholarships may be awarded for eligible persons wishing to pursue a course of study beyond high school (scholarships are not awarded for post-graduate study). Scholarships are one-time awards covering tuition, books, fees and/or housing.

- You have graduated or will graduate from high school by July 2014.
- You will be enrolling or continuing education at a college, university or trade school for the 2014-15 academic year.

Evaluation Criteria:

Applicants will be evaluated on two key parts of the application:

- Part One: completed application form and copy of transcripts
- Part Two: 250-word essay titled "The Importance of Fire Safety."

First place award: \$750

Second place: \$250

Application Deadline: October 1st, 2014

Funds: Will be dispersed November 1st, 2014 directly to the applicant's university.

For more information:

Please email jill@live-safe.org for questions and details regarding the scholarship.



**PART ONE:
APPLICATION FORM**



*This application form must be completed in its entirety and
emailed to Foundation Chair:*

Jill Marcinick
Jill@live-safe.org

Instructions:

Type or print neatly in ink. You must complete all sections of this form, if applicable. The Scholarship Committee will review all information contained in this form as well as the attached essay.

1. Applicant Information:

Name (Last)	(First)	(M.I.)
Home Address	City	State/Zip
Date of Birth	Home Phone Number	Other Phone Number

2. High School Information:

Name of High School	
School Address	
Years Attended	School Phone Number

3. High School Activities and Awards:

Award/Honor	Year(s) Received

Activity (including any clubs or sports)	Year(s)

4. College Information:

Please fill out the following information based on the college you currently attend or the college you plan to attend in the fall.

Name of College or University	
School Address	
Years Attended	School Phone Number

5. College Activities and Awards:

Award/Honor	Year(s) Received

Activity (including any clubs or sports)	Year(s)

***Please use the space provided to describe your need of material assistance related to fire damage.**

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6. Work Experience:

Employer	Position	Year(s)

7. References:

**Please list two references below, preferably one teacher or professor.*

Reference	E-mail Address	Phone Number

8. Signatures

Applicant's Name (print)	Date
Signature of Applicant	Date
Parent Signature	Date
Closest ABCO Location to your home (Akron, Cleveland, Columbus, Sandusky/Port Clinton or Toledo)	



**PART TWO:
250 WORD ESSAY**

Please read the following information and include your 250 word essay in your application submission to Jill Marcinick at Jill@live-safe.org.



According to the U.S. Department of Education, there were more than 19 million students enrolled in 2- and 4-year institutions in the fall of 2009. For many of these college students, this was their first time living away from home, meeting new friends, and facing new experiences. Unfortunately, during a short period of time, we have seen that fire tragedy can strike these students. The National Fire Protection Association reports in a fall 2010 survey that U.S. fire departments responded to 1,348,500 fires and 2,177,000 false alarms in 2009. This data represents a very serious fire problem in this country as home fires caused 85% of the civilian fire deaths. In one of the worst fires in Columbus, Ohio, an off-campus house fire killed five students, including a local Dublin, Ohio resident in 2003. That data represents a very serious fire problem in our country. This remains one of the deadliest college off-campus housing fires in history. If we are to reduce the effects of these tragic fires, it takes responsible individuals in our communities to lead the fight to prevent its devastation.

Our goal at ABCO Fire Protection and the Live Safe Foundation is to reduce student injuries, loss of life and property due to education, unique training and product distribution. What is more important than saving the lives of your family and yourself, and all you own? It is often said that "Fires rarely occur" or that "It won't happen to us." Others say, "The smoke will wake me up in time to get out." These dangerous misperceptions are one of the leading causes of accidental death and billions of dollars in property damage alone (twice that of the Hurricane Katrina disaster). Sadly, people don't realize the true magnitude and perceive fire safety as a non-emergency. Accidental fires have left numerous families bereft and heartbroken. And the sad truth is that many of these tragedies could have been prevented. At Live Safe and at ABCO, we are inspired by the stories of people around the country impacted by the tragedies of fire. We care about the people who have lost loved ones to a fire and we will not rest in our quest to influence, inform, and empower.

Last year's winner Sara Christenson said "Before syllabus' are passed out in class make a plan to be able to exit the building safely." Sara focuses on knowledge of fire prevention and promoting it among peers.

Essay Question:

ABCO and Live Safe are looking for scholarship applicants to write an essay (approximately 250 words) on the importance of fire safety. In the essay, please provide one unique solution to how we can better educate graduating high school seniors on fire safety at college and how to ensure living in a fire-safe environment.