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CISCO BOARD EXPANDS 2016 SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Third, 4-year scholarship added; deadline for applications Feb. 19, 2016

The Construction Industry Service Corporation's (CISCO) Board of Directors recently approved adding a third, 4-year scholarship award, and is now accepting applications for its 2016 Scholarship Program. The three different program categories enable a wider range of the children of both building trade union members and union contractor employees to apply.

CISCO now offers (3), four-year scholarships (\$2,000/year) to high school seniors; (2), two-year awards (\$1,000/year) for seniors planning to attend community college; and (2), two-year continuing education awards (\$1,000/year) to union members or contractor employees.

"Our Board members all agreed that education is the key to keeping our industry and others at the top, and for training the next generation of highly skilled workers," said Executive Director Dan Allen. "There have been so many talented and deserving students of parents in our industry who apply year to year, and we felt adding another scholarship was the right step to increasing this program's impact."

Applications for each of the three categories of scholarships are available at www.cisco.org/scholarships/ or by calling CISCO at 630-472-9411. The program was established in 1994 in order to provide educational support for CISCO members and their families.

All applications and accompanying documents **must** be postmarked by **February 19, 2016** to be eligible for consideration. Winners will be notified in mid-March and awards will be presented at CISCO's Annual Luncheon in April, 2016. For judging criteria, application information, and eligibility requirements, please refer to the application forms.

If you would like more information about this topic, please call Gary Karafiat at 630/472-9411 or email gary@cisco.org

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The Construction Industry Service Corporation (CISCO) is a 501(c)(6) not-for-profit association representing 6,000 contractors and 140,000 workers in the Northeastern Illinois union construction industry. Through its legislative, promotional, and workforce development initiatives, CISCO's mission is to foster the cooperative relationship between labor and management to strengthen the union construction industry as a whole.