Dear colleague:

I am pleased to announce the **Nordson BUILDS Scholarship Program** is now open to applicants for the 2015-16 academic year. Last year over 80 students nationwide were awarded **Nordson BUILDS** Scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $10,000. Please help spread the word about this great opportunity to students at your institution.

- These scholarships are targeted at students whose permanent residence, college, or university is located near a Nordson facility. Your institution has been identified as being near one of these facilities therefore your students may be eligible to apply.
- Eligible students seeking bachelor’s degrees must have at least 3.0 cumulative GPA. Associate’s degree and certificate seeking students must have at least 2.7 cumulative GPA.
- Eligible majors include Engineering (Electrical, Mechanical, Industrial, and Software), Engineering Technology, Information Technology, Machining, Manufacturing Operations, Supply Chain Management, Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Industrial Management, Information Technology, and STEM majors leading to a career in industry.
- Eligible students should be planning on pursuing careers in the manufacturing industry and corporate America (as demonstrated through essays within the application).
- Scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $10,000 will be awarded to students enrolled in accredited public or private not-for-profit postsecondary institutions.

Please share this information with your students and encourage them to visit the Nordson BUILDS Scholarship Program website for the application and more information.

[http://www.ofic.org/smr/nordson](http://www.ofic.org/smr/nordson)
Password: BUILDS2015
(Case sensitive)
**Deadline: May 15, 2015**

Scholarship recipients will be chosen by a selection committee based on an overall assessment of academic promise, character, leadership, work ethic, community service, school involvement, and unmet financial need. Do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Founded in 1954 in Amherst Ohio, Nordson Corporation delivers precision technology solutions to help customers succeed worldwide. Over the course of its more than 50 years in business, Nordson Corporation has grown from a local company with sales under $1 million, to a multinational organization with sales in excess of $1 billion and direct operations in more than 30 countries. Nordson Corporation has partnered with OFIC’s Scholarship Management Resources (SMR), an independent scholarship services provider to manage the scholarship program, including selecting the recipients. This ensures a fair and objective-based selection process.
Nordson Corporation provides three different college scholarship programs to help students with unmet financial need access and complete postsecondary education by lessening the financial burden on students and their families.

The mission of Nordson BUILDs is to attract and develop a diverse, highly-skilled talent pool for careers in the manufacturing industry. Scholarship recipients will be considered for available internship opportunities with Nordson Corporation. These scholarships are targeted at individuals whose permanent residence or postsecondary institution is near a Nordson facility and/or attend a college targeted by Nordson for employment. To be considered, applicants must be pursuing a major in manufacturing, STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics), or business disciplines, and demonstrate how their area of study prepares them for a career in manufacturing. Scholarships ranging from $2,000 to $10,000 will be awarded to students planning to enroll or already enrolled in an accredited public or private not-for-profit postsecondary institution.

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

**CAREER & TECHNICAL SCHOLARSHIP (CTS)**

In support of the manufacturing industry, the Career & Technology Scholarship (CTS) recognizes individuals pursuing credit-based certificate or associate degrees at an accredited community college or technical school. Preferred programs of study include Engineering, including Electrical, Mechanical, Industrial and Software, Engineering Technology, Information Technology, Machining, and Manufacturing Operations. Applicants must be a high-school senior or current college student with a minimum 2.7 g.p.a., and demonstrate unmet financial need.

**UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR SCHOLARSHIP (USS)**

In support of character, leadership, academic goals, and the need to prepare an educated citizen, the University Scholars Scholarship (USS) will be awarded to individuals aspiring to careers in manufacturing, engineering, STEM, and business leading to a career in manufacturing and Corporate America. Preferred programs of study include Engineering, Engineering-related disciplines, Manufacturing Operations, Supply Chain Management, Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Industrial Management, Information Technology, and STEM majors leading to a career in industry. Applicants must be a high-school senior or current college student with a minimum 3.0 g.p.a., and demonstrate unmet financial need.

**CREATING EQUITY IN INDUSTRY SCHOLARSHIP (CEIS)**

In response to a strategic imperative to promote racial and gender equity and support a diverse, well-represented workforce in manufacturing and Corporate America, scholarships will be awarded to talented Black/African-American, Hispanic, American Indian, Pacific Islander, and female students. Preferred programs of study include Engineering, Engineering-related disciplines, Manufacturing Operations, Supply Chain Management, Marketing, Accounting, Finance, Industrial Management, Information Technology, and STEM majors leading to a career in industry. Applicants must be a high-school senior or college student from one of the underrepresented groups mentioned, have a minimum 3.0 g.p.a., and demonstrate unmet financial need.