

SMTA Press Release

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Seeking Student Applications for 2020 Grant and Scholarship Opportunities

MINNEAPOLIS, MN - The SMTA is currently seeking student applications for two funds each with a deadline of April 24, 2020.

The \$8000 **Charles Hutchins Educational Grant**, co-sponsored by the SMTA and *CIRCUITS ASSEMBLY* magazine, was established in memory of past SMTA president, educator, mentor, and industry colleague, Dr. Charles Hutchins. The SMTA has awarded over \$100,000 to Hutchins Grant recipients since 1998!

Eligible applicants must be full time, graduate-level students pursuing a degree and working on thesis research in electronics assembly, electronics packaging, or a related field. Interested applicants should visit the Hutchins Grant page to review the eligibility criteria and the award program, and to complete an application:

<https://www.smta.org/hutchins/hutchins.cfm>

The \$3000 **JoAnn Stromberg Student Leadership Scholarship**, given in honor of the nearly 30 years of service dedicated by former Executive Administrator, JoAnn Stromberg, was established following her retirement in 2015. The purpose of this scholarship is to encourage students to take on more leadership opportunities and strengthen the connection between students and the electronics industry.

The Stromberg Scholarship is awarded annually to a full-time student pursuing a degree in electronics and actively involved in the SMTA. The scholarship is intended for the purchase of technical books and research materials, for participation in conferences related to electronics assembly and packaging, and for living expenses if necessary. Interested applicants should visit the Stromberg Scholarship page to review the eligibility criteria and the award program, and to complete an application:

<https://www.smta.org/scholarship/>

All required materials for either fund are due **Friday, April 24, 2020**. The Grant Committee reviews all qualified applications and makes their recommendation to the SMTA Board of Directors. The winners will be presented at the SMTA International Conference in Rosemont, IL, September 27 - October 1, 2020.

For more information about the Charles Hutchins Educational Grant or the JoAnn Stromberg Student Leader Scholarship, contact Tamara Shephard at +1-952-920-7682 or tamara@smta.org.

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The SMTA membership is an international network of professionals who build skills, share practical experience and develop solutions in electronic assembly technologies, including microsystems, emerging technologies, and related business operations.

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