

2012 TOM FOERSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND



Please review all materials regarding the Tom Foerster Memorial Scholarship Fund.

This scholarship is available to two different types of applicants:

1. NIIA members and their family members
2. Employees of an NIIA member agency

The scholarship can be used for higher education, and/or obtaining a professional designation in Insurance.

Terms for payment of the scholarship will be worked out with the recipient.

Please fill out the appropriate application. If you have any questions please contact Gina Saccoman at (888) 500-3344 ext. 1116 or gsaccoman@firstcomp.com.



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**FIRSTCOMP INSURANCE COMPANY AND THE INDEPENDENT INSURANCE AGENTS OF NEVADA
ANNOUNCE THE TOM FOERSTER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

HENDERSON, Nev. – September 2011 – FirstComp Insurance Company*, along with the Nevada Independent Insurance Agents (NIIA), have posted the 2012 annual Tom Foerster Memorial Scholarship Fund (formally known as the Big I of Nevada FirstComp Scholarship Fund). Each year this scholarship awards \$5,000 to a current NIIA member, family member, or an NIIA member who is seeking further education/designations.

The Tom Foerster Memorial Scholarship Fund was named after the late Tom Foerster. Tom began his career with FirstComp in 2001 as an integral part of the company's national expansion. As an Underwriter with FirstComp he serviced the markets in various states, including North Carolina, Iowa, and California. But throughout his tenure, no state meant more to Tom than Nevada. The relationships and unforgettable experiences he made while managing the state of Nevada helped to shape the legacy FirstComp shares with the state and its independent agents to this day. The Tom Foerster Memorial Scholarship Fund is intended to award an individual whose enthusiasm, work ethic and desire to make an impact in the state of Nevada is commensurate with that of Tom's own aspirations to make a difference in this great

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state. Not only will this scholarship strengthen the insurance industry by providing educational advancement opportunities for young professionals but also give back to the state of Nevada.

The NIIA was formed in 1946 in connection with the Independent Insurance Agents & Brokers of America. The NIIA provides member services that include but are not limited to, educational services, legislative advocacy, member communications and more.

For access to the scholarship application, visit FirstComp's website at www.firstcomp.com or the Big I of NV at www.niaa.org. To inquire about an NIIA membership, please contact Kay Lockhart at (775) 882-1366.

9. Date Expected to Complete Degree: Undergraduate: _____
(month/year)

Graduate: _____
(month/year)

10. Academic Record: (fill out which is applicable)

High School (GPA) _____ on a _____ scale.

Undergraduate (GPA) _____ on a _____ scale.

Graduate (GPA) _____ on a _____ scale.

11. Scholastic Honors Earned: (Elaborate)

12. Scholarships Received: (indicate the date, amount, and source of other scholarships awarded)

13. Extracurricular and personal activities: (year of participation, accomplishments, etc.)

14. Work experience (attach sheet if necessary):

Please make sure to include the following items along with your application. Applications received after January 1, 2012 will not be reviewed.

- Completed Application
- Most recent educational transcript
- Personal Statement (Explaining your chosen career path and goals within the insurance industry)
- Essay (In 500 words or less explaining how leadership within the corporate world cultivates an atmosphere for success)
- 2 Reference Letters (1 must be a member of the Big I, non-relative)

I hereby verify that all statements and information given above are true and accurate.

(Applicant signature)

Please send completed packet to:

Attn: *Gina Saccoman*

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Omaha, NE 68102

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9. Current Position/ Title: _____

10. Employment History: Start with current employer. Attach resume as needed.
(Attach separate sheet if necessary)

Specific Nature of Work	Employer	Dates of Employment

11. Honors Earned/ Awards Received (Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

12. Insurance, risk management, actuarial science or college courses completed or currently enrolled in. (If applicable. Attach separate sheet if necessary)

Include Professional/ Insurance-Related Designations earned or anticipated:

Course	Organization/ College	Date Complete/ To Be Completed

Designation	Date Received	Anticipated Completion Date

13. Leadership Activities: (Include events and or accomplishments that demonstrate your leadership skills. Attach a separate sheet if necessary)

Activity	Year of Participation	# Hours/ Week	Position Held/ Honor Won

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- 2 Reference Letters (1 from current employer, 1 from Big I Member)
- Essay (500 words or less explaining how leadership within the corporate world cultivates an atmosphere for success.)
- Personal Statement (Explaining your chosen career path and goals within the insurance industry)
- Course Completion Documentation (Documentation of designation to be completed)

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