

Alliance for Progress

Melvin Kruger Endowed Scholarship Program/Sweepstakes Update

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The revamped scholarship program is named after Melvin Kruger, chief executive officer of L.E. Schwartz & Son Inc., Macon, Ga. A former NRCA president, Kruger also served as a member of the Georgia Education Commission and was a driving force in creating the Roofing Industry Educational Institute in 1979. He also was the Alliance's principal fundraiser at the time the organization was established.

The program is administered by Scholarship America and available to employees of NRCA contractor and supplier members who plan to pursue post-secondary education in their choice of college or vocational programs. These \$5,000 awards are available for up to four years of undergraduate study or until a bachelor's degree is earned, provided recipients renew annually and maintain a 3.0 grade point average on a 4.0 scale (or the equivalent).

Applications for the Melvin Kruger Endowed Scholarship Program, 2009-2010 school year, were due Jan. 31, 2009. A total of 102 applications were received. This compares to 74 received for 2008-2009 and 58 received for 2007-08.

To help reach the \$2 million goal for the scholarship fund, the Alliance conducted a sweepstakes with a 2009 BMW 128i convertible as the grand prize. Tickets sold for \$200 each and the winning ticket was drawn at NRCA's Award Ceremony, Wednesday, Feb. 4, 2009 in Las Vegas. LeAnne Sanders, president of Thermo Manufacturing, Lindale, Texas held the winning ticket.

A total of 253 tickets were sold for a total of \$50,600. The fund will net over \$16,000 after the payment for the car is made. This compares to:

	<u>No. of Tickets Sold</u>	<u>Net for Scholarship Fund</u>
2006-07	398	\$14,118.26
2004-05	317	\$25,361.50
2002-03	457	\$52,564.38
2000-01	392	\$36,242.70