

## Purpose

The Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarships recognize the outstanding academic and leadership accomplishments of students who demonstrate financial need and are enrolled in regionally accredited community college programs in registered nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical services. Applicants must have completed 50% of their coursework leading towards achieving an associate degree. Certificate students are not eligible to apply.

In honor of Frank Lanza's visionary business leadership and generous commitment to charitable causes, Lou Oberndorf, founder, CEO and Chairman of METI and long-time friend and colleague of Frank Lanza, initiated the endowment of the Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship, which is equally funded by Medical Education Technologies, Inc. (METI) and L-3 Communications.

## Background

Frank Lanza founded L-3 Communications in 1997, a global aerospace and defense company that has grown to \$15 billion in annual revenues and employs approximately 66,000 people worldwide. With its corporate headquarters in New York City, L-3 is a leader in C<sup>3</sup>ISR systems (command, control, communications, intelligence, surveillance and reconnaissance), aircraft modernization and maintenance, government services and specialized products that serve the military, homeland security, aviation and other commercial markets. L-3 customers include the U.S. Department of Defense, other U.S. government agencies, allied foreign governments and commercial customers.

Under Frank Lanza's leadership as chairman and CEO, L-3 became the nation's sixth largest defense contractor – comprised of more than 73 operating units, among them METI. Now independently owned, METI is the world's leading innovator in medical simulation technology, committed to developing learning tools that impact the education of our future doctors, nurses, first responders and military medics.

Frank Lanza served in the U.S. Coast Guard during the Korean War. He was a member of the board of directors for the Coast Guard Foundation and received the 2003 Distinguished Corporate Leadership award from the Soldiers', Sailors', Marines' and Airmen's Club. Frank Lanza was also a member of the board of governors for the Aerospace Industries Association and the American Italian Cancer Foundation. A philanthropist, Frank Lanza and his wife supported a variety of charities through a family foundation.

## Cash Awards

Up to 25 scholarships of \$1,000 each will be awarded for the 2010 academic year. All scholarships will be disbursed in one payment, taking place upon confirmation of the recipient's enrollment in a minimum of six semester hours at a regionally accredited community college in an eligible degree program.

## Conditions of Eligibility

- Applicants need not be members of Phi Theta Kappa to apply.
- At the time of application, candidates must provide a transcript documenting completion of at least 50% of coursework in an associate degree registered nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical services program at a regionally accredited community college.
- Applicants must provide documentation of enrollment in a minimum of six semester hours at a regionally accredited community college in an associate degree registered nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical services program.
- Part-time students, full-time students and international students are eligible to apply.
- Students with previous associate, bachelor's or master's degrees are eligible to apply.
- Pre-major students and certificate students are ineligible to apply.
- The director of the program the applicant is enrolled (registered nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical services) must sign off on the institutional certification and eligibility form.
- Applicants must submit a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) listing their Expected Family Contribution (EFC) for the current academic year (2009-2010 school year).
- Applicants must post a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative grade point average out of a possible 4.0 on all coursework at the time of application, with no courses marked as incomplete.
- The applicant's record must be free from suspension, probation or other disciplinary action.
- The applicant's record must be free from any criminal conduct or if the applicant is a convicted felon, he or she must have completed all conditions of sentencing, including probation.

## Application Procedures

- Completed applications must be mailed in one packet to be received (not postmarked) at Phi Theta Kappa Headquarters on or before October 15, 2009. Applications can be sent to Phi Theta Kappa, Attn: Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship, 1625 Eastover Drive, Jackson, MS 39211.
- Materials may not be submitted by fax machine or email.
- Partial materials, even submitted before the deadline, will be deemed ineligible.
- Photocopied materials and forms may be submitted.

# Institutional Certification and Eligibility Form



To be completed and signed by the director of the registered nursing program, respiratory care or the emergency medical services program.

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Middle Initial Last

Permanent Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Director's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### I am the director of the:

- Registered Nursing Program       Respiratory Care Program  
 Emergency Medical Services Program       Other: \_\_\_\_\_

If other, please explain the relationship between your role and the registered nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical services program.

### Eligibility Data:

Yes No

- This institution is a candidate for accreditation or is currently accredited by the following regional accreditation association (check one):
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Middle States Association of Colleges and Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Northwest Association of Schools and Colleges |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New England Association of Schools and Colleges   | <input type="checkbox"/> Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> North Central Association of Colleges and Schools | <input type="checkbox"/> Western Association of Schools and Colleges   |

Yes No

- Is this applicant currently enrolled at this college and campus, and will the applicant be enrolled in a minimum of six semester credits during the 2010 spring semester or winter quarter?
- Is the applicant currently enrolled in the registered nursing, respiratory care or emergency medical services program at your school?
- Is this applicant currently enrolled in an associate degree program?
- Has this applicant completed 50% of his or her coursework toward degree completion of the registered nursing, respiratory care or the emergency medical services program?  
This applicant has completed \_\_\_\_\_ credits out of a required \_\_\_\_\_ credits.
- Does the applicant currently hold a minimum of a 3.00 cumulative GPA out of a possible 4.00 in all coursework completed in the last five years (Fall 2004-present)? (GPA is evaluated at the point of application.)
- Is the applicant's record at this community college free from suspension, probation or other serious disciplinary action?
- Is this applicant's record free from any criminal conduct or, if the applicant is a convicted felon, has he or she completed all conditions of sentencing, including probation?
- Will the institution notify Phi Theta Kappa should the applicant face suspension, probation or other serious disciplinary action between the time of this application and awarding?
- Does the applicant understand that any part of this form may become public through the media should the applicant be awarded a scholarship?

**If you have checked "no" on any of the eligibility questions on this page, this applicant is INELIGIBLE to apply to the Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship.**

I consider this student to be of good character and an exceptional and responsible member of the academic community. All information is true to the best of my knowledge.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_



## Application Requirements and Attachments

**1. Institutional Certification Form.** The certification and eligibility form must be verified and signed by the director of the program in which you are currently enrolled. The director must verify that you are currently enrolled in the program and have completed at least 50% of your coursework towards an associate degree.

**2. Official Transcript (with optional addendum).** Transcript(s) must include your complete college record. If you have attended more than one college in the past five years, please submit transcripts from all schools attended (Fall 2004-present). You must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA out of 4.0 on all coursework taken in the past five years (Fall 2004-present). GPA is evaluated at the point of application. If you would like to explain special circumstances that have affected the transcript (e.g., withdrawals or a drop in grades), an addendum of no more than half a typed page will be accepted. Judges will deduct points for a large number of withdrawals or a drop in grades without adequate explanation.

**3. Student Aid Report.** You must submit a copy of your Student Aid Report (SAR) documenting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). If you have not filed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current school year, you are ineligible to apply. The SAR must be for the 2009-2010 academic year.

Use additional pages to complete the following sections. Use type no smaller than 10 point and double space your answers. Number each part and include your name and school at the top of each page. Pay attention to length limits.

**4. Discussion Questions (each question may not exceed 250 words).** Answer all three questions.

- A. What are your long-range goals and career ambitions?
- B. How will this scholarship help you complete your program successfully?
- C. Once you have completed your program, how will you give back?

**5. Essay (may not exceed 500 words).**

Many would argue that today the citizens of the United States are in poor physical and emotional shape. What do you feel is the single most important thing that can be done to improve the overall health of Americans? Explain. What are you doing at a local level to increase the health of the members of your community?

**6. Letter of Recommendation (may not exceed 500 words).** A letter of recommendation must accompany this application to give judges an expanded picture of you as an applicant. This letter should be from a faculty member or administrator at the community college where you are currently enrolled and should describe specific incident(s) which demonstrate your commitment to health care, leadership potential or service to the community.

Current Community College: Faculty Member or Administrator (circle one)

Recommender's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**7. Waiver and Signature.** I agree to allow my name to be placed in application for the 2010 Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship. I understand that any part of this application may be released to the public through the media. I understand that Phi Theta Kappa, the American Association of Community Colleges, Medical Educational Technologies, Inc. (METI) and L-3 Communications all have the right to use and publish anything submitted such as photographs and written material. I understand that any stipend for the Frank Lanza Memorial Scholarship is contingent upon my enrollment in a minimum of six semester credit hours at my community college in January 2010. If awarded, I understand that if I am subject to any disciplinary action, I may forfeit part or all of my award. The information I have submitted is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that the contents of this application are subject to verification and, if found untrue, will result in my disqualification.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_