



SMTA
Surface Mount Technology Association

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Charles Hutchins

Educational Grant 2012

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The SMTA and co-sponsor, *Circuits Assembly Magazine*, announce the 15th Annual Charles Hutchins Grant to be awarded to a full time graduate-level student working on thesis research in electronics assembly, packaging, or a related field. This \$5000 annual grant, given in memory of Dr. Charles Hutchins, past president of the SMTA, educator, mentor, and distinguished industry colleague, was established in 1998 to encourage graduate students to pursue careers in the electronics industry, by developing a mutually beneficial relationship between student research and the industry.

Eligibility Criteria

To be considered for the grant, each student is required to submit an **application** (available at www.smta.org/files/hutchins_application.pdf), a one-page **abstract** clearly describing the objectives and methodology of the thesis research, and **documents** listed on the application. Applicants must be members of the SMTA (click on www.smta.org/membership/ to join for just \$5). *In addition, students must be full time and attend a university in North America, and are eligible only if the expected degree completion date is April 1, 2013 or later.*

The \$5000 grant will be donated to the university research program where the recipient is studying to be used by the recipient to purchase technical books or materials related to the student's area of research, attend conferences related to electronics assembly/packaging, or assist in the student's living expenses. None of the money is to be used by the faculty advisor or by the university.

The Hutchins Educational Grant Committee reviews all qualified submissions, makes their recommendations to the SMTA Board of Directors, and administers the presentation of the award.

The application form, abstract, transcripts, resume, and advisor letter of recommendation must be received by the Grant Committee on or before Monday, April 16, 2012

Each applicant will be notified of the status of his/her application by July 20, 2012.

The Charles Hutchins Educational Award includes:

- ▶ Presentation of the \$5000 grant to the 2012 recipient at the SMTA Annual Meeting, held in conjunction with the SMTA International Conference and Electronics Exhibition in Orlando, Florida, October 14-18, 2012. The award recipient will be asked to prepare a poster of his/her thesis project for the Conference Poster Session.
- ▶ Payment of travel expenses and hotel accommodations
- ▶ A complementary pass to the SMTAI Conference & Electronics Exhibition
- ▶ A personalized plaque for the grant recipient
- ▶ A feature article in *Circuits Assembly Magazine* and the *Journal of Surface Mount Technology*

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More about the SMTA and previous Hutchins Grant recipients is available at www.smta.org*