Billerud Corporation – Escanaba Mill
Electrical & Instrumentation Scholarship Program
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ’s)

Billerud – Escanaba Mill is offering two Electrical & Instrumentation (E&I) Scholarships worth $12,500.00 ($12,000 toward tuition, $500 towards books) each to graduating seniors. The winners of the scholarships will attend Bay College in Escanaba and enroll in the AAS Degree - Mechatronics & Robotics Systems Program.

FAQ’s

Why is Billerud - Escanaba Mill offering this program?
With many upcoming retirements in the near future, we need to ensure that we have the right skill trade resources available. We also have a desire to grow and develop our own talent locally.

What is the Scholarship Program Offerings?
Billerud is offering up to $12,500.00 ($12,000 toward tuition, $500 towards books) in scholarship funds for a 3-year work commitment to the Escanaba Mill after completion of school. Billerud will pay scholarship money directly to Bay College. Opportunity to work at Billerud – Escanaba Mill during school breaks is also provided.

What does an Electrical & Instrumentation Apprentices do?
Electrical & Instrumentation Apprentices install, calibrate, maintain, troubleshoot, and repair industrial control systems.

What will I learn in the Mechatronics & Robotics Systems Program at Bay College?
After graduating from this program, you will be ready to work with integrated machine systems that involve industrial automation, robotics, mechanics, computers, industrial communication, and electronics technology.

What is required of the scholarship applicant?
High School seniors complete the application and submit it to Billerud – Escanaba Mill during their graduating year. Applicants must have a GPA above 2.0. Candidates selected from the applications will be required to complete an E&I math test and Bennetts mechanical aptitude test at Billerud - Escanaba Mill when scheduled. After passing testing, candidates will be selected to go through an interview process and then offers are made to the successful applicants.

What requirements do I have upon acceptance of a Scholarship Offer?
A Payback Agreement must be signed agreeing to reimburse Billerud the scholarship amount if the scholarship winner declines the offer of employment or accepts the employment offer but does not complete the 3-year work commitment. We must also receive school documentation confirming enrollment and semester grade transcripts.
How much money does an E&I Apprentice typically make?
An entry level E&I Apprentice will typically make $70,000.00 or more during their first year of full-time work.

If I have further questions about the scholarship opportunity, who can I contact?
You can contact Michelle Wrensch Barron at michelle.wrenschbarron@billerud.com or 906-233-2651 with any questions you may have about the E&I Scholarships.