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**NHLA Inspector Training School Offers Tuition Scholarships**

MEMPHIS, TENN. – NHLA today announces that it will award up to five full tuition scholarships to students for the Fall 2009 Class, Sept. 9-Dec. 11, 2009, at the Memphis campus.

“The NHLA Inspector Training School is excited to offer its first ever scholarships for the 14-Week Lumber Inspection Program,” said Crystal Oldham, NHLA Director of Education.

“The scholarships are designed to offer individuals- that would have otherwise not been afforded the opportunity to attend the School- the knowledge and skills necessary to be successful lumber graders and productive hardwood industry members. In addition, it also benefits NHLA member companies that would normally cover tuition costs for its employees,” Oldham added.

The scholarships, which will include all books and supplies, will be awarded to individuals selected by the Inspector Training School Committee.

Eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Applicants must be employed by an NHLA member company
- Applicants must be at least 18 years old
- Applicants must have earned a high school diploma or GED
- Applicants must complete the entire 14-week Lumber Inspection Program with a passing grade of 80 percent or higher

The NHLA Inspector Training School has a proud and rich 60 year history; graduating more than 6,700 students since its conception. The Program teaches the rules and applications of the NHLA grading system and prepares students for a career in the hardwood industry. This unique program has earned worldwide respect, consequently attracting students from throughout the United States, Canada, Europe, Africa, South America and Asia.

To enroll or learn more about the NHLA Scholarship Program, contact Cassie Gibbons, Education Program Manager at [c.gibbons@nhla.com](mailto:c.gibbons@nhla.com) or 901-399-7555. Interested persons can also visit [www.nhla.com](http://www.nhla.com).

The world’s largest and oldest hardwood industry association, NHLA represents more than 1,300 companies and individuals that produce, use and sell North American hardwood lumber, or provide equipment, supplies or services to the hardwood industry. It was founded in 1898 to establish a uniform system of grading rules for the measurement and inspection of hardwood lumber. Since 1979, its headquarters have been in Memphis.

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