

# RECYCLING EDUCATION & RESEARCH FOUNDATION

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## WHO WE ARE...

The Recycling Education and Research Foundation (RERF), formerly known as Recycling Research Foundation (RRF), is a 501(c) (3) not-for-profit organization closely associated with the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries, Inc. (ISRI), whose mission is to *sponsor projects which promote public awareness, education, research, and the advancement of recycling.*

## OUR PROGRAMS...



2019 RERF National  
Scholarship Recipient  
Evan Leon

2019 RERF Veterans'  
Stipend Recipient  
Chris Stevens

Over the last 18 years, RERF has fulfilled its mission in two primary areas; the offering of scholarships to undergraduate and graduate students, as well as military veterans, and the funding of research beneficial to the recycling industry. Through generous donations, RERF has awarded more than \$1.5 million in scholarships to more than 1,000 students across the country and has overseen much needed research into the science and technology involved with recycling.

Over the last few years, RERF has funded valuable industry research, including a detailed study of the **U.S. scrap electronics industry**, reporting on the exports of used electronics; the creation of a uniform ASTM standard that governs the **manufacture of loose-filled playground mulch**; and a comprehensive study in Houston, TX analyzing the **air quality from recycling facilities** and nearby neighborhoods.



By funding research projects on subjects concerning the industry and providing academic scholarships, the foundation raises the profile of the recycling industry and the academic advancement of generations to come.

## THE ASK...

To make all this happen, each year RERF conducts a **silent auction** in conjunction with ISRI's annual convention and exposition **as a principal way to both raise awareness and money** to support its mission. Over the last 12 years, the silent auction has raised more than \$240,000 from donations such as *handcrafted scrap metal art, hotel packages, gift certificates, equipment, and more.*

RERF is currently seeking donations and items for the 2020 Recycling Education and Research Foundation Silent Auction, held during **ISRI2020, April 27-29, at the Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino in Las Vegas.** If you would like to get involved with the foundation's initiatives or to donate items to the silent auction, please contact Natasha Grant at [ngrant@isri.org](mailto:ngrant@isri.org) or (202) 662-8524.

