About MEMIC
Specializing in workers’ compensation insurance, The MEMIC Group insures more than 20,000 employers and their estimated 300,000 employees. Rated “A” (Excellent) by A.M. Best, MEMIC is the leading workers’ compensation insurer in Northern New England and one of the fastest growing in the country. Licensed in 46 states plus the District of Columbia, MEMIC has offices across the Eastern Seaboard, including Manchester, NH; Glastonbury, CT; Albany, NY; Weehawken, NJ; West Conshohocken, PA; Tampa, FL; and Tysons Corner, VA; in addition to its headquarters in Portland, ME.

About Harvey Picker
Harvey Picker was a key member of Maine’s 1992 Blue Ribbon Commission on Workers’ Compensation which led to the formation of MEMIC. He later served as a member of the company’s Board of Directors and was well regarded by all who had the opportunity to know and work with him. Among his many accomplishments—he was a renowned physicist, educator and philanthropist—Mr. Picker was well known as an advocate for education. In 2008, after he died at the age of 92, the MEMIC Board of Directors voted to name this scholarship program in his honor.

It has been really life-changing. I don’t think I’d be able to go to Drexel University without the MEMIC Horizon Scholarship. I’ve learned things here I wouldn’t have been able to learn anywhere else.

Derek McGraw
Scholarship Recipient

MEMIC President and CEO
Michael Bourque and 2019 Scholarship Recipient
Benjamin Ruest
What is the MEMIC Harvey Picker Horizon Scholarship?
As one of the top workers’ compensation insurers in the country, MEMIC’s mission is to eliminate workplace injuries. Despite improvements in safety, workers still suffer serious injuries, even death, in the workplace every day in the United States.
The Harvey Picker Horizon Scholarship was created to assist the children and spouses of workers who have died or suffered permanent disability due to a work-related injury. Any scholarship award is, of course, over and above the benefits MEMIC has paid in medical or wage replacement benefits to the injured worker or their family. It is MEMIC’s hope that these scholarship awards for higher education may help fulfill the aspirations of those whose lives have been disrupted as a result of workplace injury or death.

Who qualifies for the Harvey Picker Scholarship?
Applicants must be the spouse or child of a worker who was insured through MEMIC at the time of his or her workplace injury. Applicants must be attending or be prepared to attend an accredited college or university.

2019 WINNERS
At its Annual Meeting of the Policyholders in June, MEMIC awarded $20,000 in scholarships to three children of workers who suffered serious workplace injuries: Dylan Collin of Trenton, Maine; Benjamin Ruest of Madawaska, Maine; and Henry Laurita of Hope, Maine. The MEMIC Harvey Picker Horizon Scholarship has been awarded annually since 2001 with scholarships totaling $190,000.

How will applications be judged?
Applications will be reviewed by a selection committee for financial need, academic performance, community involvement, other life experiences, as well as future promise.
- The application must include three letters of personal recommendation and a personal statement describing the impact of the workplace injury on the life of the applicant.
Finalists may be interviewed by the committee.

How much money is available and how will funds be awarded?
MEMIC will make awards of up to $5,000 per winner. The number of awards will be determined by the number of qualified applicants.
The scholarship will be awarded in the form of a check to the institution the award winner attends.

How do I apply?
To apply, you must fill out an application. Applications are available on MEMIC’s website at www.memic.com/horizon, by calling 1-800-660-1306, and at the name prompt saying “Horizon Scholarship,” or by requesting one from horizon@memic.com. Applications must be mailed by May 1, 2020* to:
- MEMIC
  Harvey Picker Horizon Scholarship
  P.O. Box 11409
  Portland, ME 04104

*Please note: If your financial aid offer is not available, please still send your application and follow up with all other information as soon as possible.

To qualify, an applicant must apply by May 1, 2020