

# 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 associated ISRI.

This is an exciting time for RERF. RERF has taken a number of important **steps to grow and stand independent** from ISRI, including a name change, updating its bylaws, and a creation of a new board of directors. These changes will better help us serve our core mission which is: *to sponsor projects which promote public awareness, education, research and the advancement of recycling.*

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE...



2019 RERF National  
Scholarship Recipient  
Evan Leon

2019 RERF Veterans'  
Stipend Recipient  
Chris Stevens

Over the last 19 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 \$1.6 million in scholarships to 1,200 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 the latest the adoption of the new **lugger truck container securement standards** by the Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance (CVSA); a comprehensive study in Houston, TX analyzing the **air quality from recycling facilities** and nearby neighborhoods; and the creation of a uniform ASTM standard that governs the **manufacture of loose-filled playground mulch**.



By funding research and providing academic scholarships, the foundation raises the profile of the recycling industry.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP...

- To make all this happen, RERF relies on donations from ISRI members and the public. ISRI Members can donate each year when they renew their ISRI membership. Donate **\$95 to RERF** when your company renews your ISRI membership.
- As you prepare for your holiday shopping, **support RERF on Amazon**. RERF registered with AmazonSmile, a program where Amazon will donate a percentage of purchases to charitable organizations. Take advantage of this opportunity by registering at [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and selecting RERF as your charitable organization.
- Our annual **RERF silent auction** is the primary way the foundation raises money to support its mission. Each year RERF conducts a silent auction in conjunction with ISRI's annual convention and has raised more than \$250,000 from donations. Launched in 2019, RERF silent auction has gone virtual and is now available to anyone outside of the ISRI convention.

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