



BCOE - Students in Construction Scholarship Program Guidelines

1. Purpose of the Scholarship

The BCOE Students in Construction Scholarship Program is designed to support and encourage Black students who are pursuing a career in the construction industry. The program aims to increase representation and diversity within the construction sector by providing financial assistance to students who demonstrate a commitment to excellence and a passion for the industry.

2. Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for the BCOE Students in Construction Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Enrollment:
 - Currently enrolled, or planning to enroll, in a recognized construction-related program at an accredited educational institution (e.g., vocational school, community college, or university). Programs can include, but are not limited to, construction management, civil engineering, architecture, electrical or mechanical engineering, carpentry, plumbing, and other skilled trades. OR
 - Graduating High School Senior already accepted into a post-secondary institution pursuing a major in a construction/trades field of study. Programs of study may include, but are not limited to project management, architecture, engineering, etc. Student must be attending the post-secondary institution in the fall of 2025.
- Academic Standing: Must have a minimum GPA of 2.0 (or equivalent) on a 4.0 scale.
- The scholarship is specifically intended to support Black students and contribute to increasing diversity within the construction industry.
- U.S. Citizenship or Legal Residency: Applicants must be U.S. citizens or legal residents

3. Application Requirements

Interested applicants must submit the following documents by the deadline:

- Application Form: A completed scholarship application form, which includes personal information, academic background, and contact details.
- Essay: A 500 word essay outlining the applicant's interest in the construction industry and why they are pursuing a construction-related program. Specific topics to consider:
 - Long-term career goals in the construction field.
 - How the scholarship will assist them in achieving their educational and career objectives.
- Transcript: An official or unofficial academic transcript from the institution where the applicant is enrolled or planning to enroll.
- Letters of Recommendation: Two letters of recommendation from individuals who can speak to the applicant's academic performance, leadership potential, and character. These can be from teachers, professors, mentors, or community leaders.

- Proof of Enrollment or Admission: A copy of the applicant's current enrollment status or acceptance letter from the institution they plan to attend, along with a copy of Student ID
- State ID

4. Selection Criteria

The selection committee will evaluate applicants based on the following factors:

- Academic Achievement: GPA and academic performance in relevant coursework.
- Commitment to the Construction Industry: The applicant's demonstrated interest in and passion for pursuing a career in construction, as reflected in their essay and academic choices.
- Leadership and Community Involvement: Evidence of leadership skills, volunteer work, or participation in relevant extracurricular activities related to the construction field.
- Diversity and Inclusion: The potential of the applicant to contribute to diversity and inclusion within the construction industry.

5. Award Amount and Duration

- Scholarship Amount: \$1,000
- Disbursement: The scholarship funds will be distributed directly to the educational institution to be applied toward tuition, fees, books, or other school-related expenses.
- Duration: The scholarship is a one-time award, although recipients may reapply in subsequent years if they continue to meet the eligibility criteria.

6. Deadline and Submission Instructions

- Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted by Friday June 7, 2025 at 5pm CST. Late applications will not be considered.
- Submission Instructions: All materials should be submitted to admin@bcoechicago.org. Hard-copy submissions will not be accepted unless otherwise specified.

7. Award Notification

- Notification Date: Scholarship recipients will be notified by email or phone by Monday June 16th at 5pm CT.
- Public Announcement: Scholarship winners may be announced at the Annual Golf Outing on Monday June 23rd, on the BCOE website, and/or through press releases.
- Disbursement: Awards will be distributed by August 8, 2025

8. Terms and Conditions

- Use of Scholarship Funds: Scholarship funds must be used exclusively for educational expenses related to the construction program at an accredited institution.
- Reporting: Scholarship recipients must provide proof of enrollment and a copy of their Student ID before scholarship checks will be issued.

9. **Non-Discrimination Policy**

The BCOE Students in Construction Scholarship Program is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion. All eligible applicants will be considered without regard to race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, or disability status, beyond the specific focus on supporting Black students.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Last Name:				First Name:				Field of Study/Major:		
Academic Level Beginning Fall 2025:	Freshman		Sophomore		Junior			Senior		
Home Address:										
City:					State:			Zip code:		
Date of Birth:				Email:				Cell #:		

Parent Information: (For Graduating Seniors)

Parent/Guardian Last Name:				Parent/Guardian First Name:				Parent/Guardian Cell #:			
Parent/Guardian Email:											
Home Address:				City:			State:			Zip:	

High School Details: (For Graduation Seniors)

High School Name:										
Address:										
City:				State:			Zip code:			
School Counselor:				Email:				Phone Number:		

Postsecondary Institution Details:

Institution Name:										
Address:										
City:				State:			Zip Code:			
Counselor/Advisor:				Email:				Phone Number:		

Applicant Certification

1. _____ I am currently enrolled, or plan to enroll in a recognized construction-related program at an accredited postsecondary institution.
2. _____ I plan on attending a postsecondary institution in the fall of 2025.
3. _____ I will be majoring in a construction/trades field of study. Programs of study may include, but are not limited to project management, architecture, engineering, etc.
4. _____ I live in the United States.
5. _____ I am a citizen of the United States.

I certify the above statements to be true._____
Print Your First and Last Name_____
Sign Here_____
Date