



NAC Scholarship Application Information - January 2025

The National Academy of Construction Scholarship

- Members of the National Academy of Construction (NAC) established this scholarship to provide funding for undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a bachelor's or master's degree in construction or a closely related field and who intend to pursue a career in the construction industry.
- NAC's mission is to recognize and honor individuals from all disciplines in the industry for their distinguished contributions to the industry and to share this reservoir of expertise as a service to the nation, including service contributions. It is one of the nation's esteemed construction industry institutions, characterized by its extensive and diverse expertise, proven leadership, and trusted judgment.
- NAC is committed to diversity and inclusiveness in the construction industry. The intent of this scholarship is to provide financial support for two semesters for deserving students who plan to pursue careers in the construction industry, thus giving back to the profession some of the benefits that its members have received.
- NAC anticipates giving out at least \$60,000 in scholarships this year.

Application Process:

- **Only one applicant is permitted from each university.** If more than one applicant is received from a university, the university will be notified and asked to choose one.
- The application portal opens on February 1, 2025, and closes on March 31, 2025.
- Relatives of members of the National Academy of Construction officers and members of the Scholarship Committee are not eligible for this scholarship.
- Applicants must complete the application form and provide the following during the application process – all files uploaded must be in pdf format:
 - A one-to-two-page, double spaced, application statement.
 - A minimum of two letters of support are required per applicant—one letter from faculty or administration at the applicant's university and one from a NAC member (cannot be the same person). Note: No letters of support will be accepted from the NAC Scholarship Committee members.
 - Unofficial transcript(s) with grades for courses completed, cumulative GPA and courses enrolled in current semester. MS students should upload a copy of their undergraduate transcript and graduate transcript (to date).
- Applicants will be evaluated by the committee after the application period ends, and finalists will be interviewed, if necessary, by the Scholarship Committee.
- Expected scholarship amount for 2025 recipients is \$5,000 or higher.
- Scholarship recipients will be invited to attend the 26th Anniversary NAC Annual Meeting on October 30-November 1, 2025, in Colorado Springs, CO. NAC will cover registration for this event and work with the recipients, their universities and others to identify sources of funding to cover travel expenses to attend the meeting. Attendance at the Annual Meeting is not a requirement to be awarded this scholarship.

NAC will ask for and maintain as records annual reports from awarding institution(s) providing the student's course load and grades during the two semesters of award.

Eligibility for Consideration:

A student **must**:

- a. Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, including both undergraduate and graduate (if applicable) coursework, from an accredited university.
- b. Be at least at the sophomore level with at least two semesters remaining in their curricula at the time of application (B.S. students) or at least two semesters remaining at the time of application (Master's students).
- c. Be at least at the junior level at time of scholarship award (Fall 2025).
- d. Be pursuing a degree in a construction or construction-related program such as construction management, architecture, civil engineering, or other related discipline, from a four-year degree-granting, accredited institution of higher education, with the intent of pursuing a career in the construction industry.
- e. Be a U.S. or Canadian citizen; and,
- f. Not have received a NAC scholarship in the past.

Preference will be given to students who have shown through their actions that they are working to advance the construction industry and become future leaders; items for consideration will include candidates who have demonstrated:

- a. Leadership in student clubs;
- b. Participation in extracurricular activities such as the ACE Mentors program, Habitat for Humanity, Engineers Without Borders (EWB), Engineers in Action, or other construction-focused activities;
- c. A mentor relationship with a member of the construction industry; and/or mentoring of other students in construction industry-focused activities;
- d. Evidence of internships, co-ops, or employment in the construction industry or construction industry-focused research;
- e. That they are the first person in the family to get a four-year college degree, evidence of overcoming hardships and/or that they are from non-traditional backgrounds or circumstances.

NAC web address: <https://www.naocon.org>

Web portal for applications: <https://www.naocon.org/naocon-scholarship/>

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