



Careers in Construction Scholarship Application

The Home Builders Association of Greater Cincinnati (HBAGC) provides financial scholarships to traditional and non-traditional students planning to go to a 2-year school, trade school or straight into the workforce to pursue a career in residential construction. Scholarships may be applied toward tuition/books, design materials, tools, or transportation expenses. Scholarships are awarded annually.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND SELECTION CRITERIA

- The applicant must demonstrate an interest in obtaining employment in the construction industry upon graduation.
- Applicants will be evaluated on the following criteria: career goals, academic/industry achievement, employment history and letter of recommendation.
- Scholarships must be utilized in the academic year in which they are awarded.
- Scholarship checks are distributed by the HBAGC Careers in Construction Scholarship Fund and are distributed in August. Scholarship awards used for design materials, tools or transportation expenses will be awarded as a reimbursement with appropriate documentation indicating need and proof of purchase. Prior approval is required for reimbursements.
- Previously awarded scholarship recipients are invited to apply for the renewal of their scholarship in subsequent years until graduation. Renewal applications will be judged based on continued focus on residential construction, industry contributions and/or academic performance.

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Have you ever been convicted of a felony? YES NO

If yes, explain: _____

Do you have any family members/close friends who work for HBAGC or an affiliate company? YES NO

If so, list name and relationship: _____

Education

High School: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Area of focus: _____

If you have not graduated yet, list your anticipated date of graduation in the "To" field.

Are you currently enrolled in a high school construction training/trade program?

School name: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Area of focus: _____

If you have not graduated yet, list your anticipated date of graduation in the "To" field.

Post-secondary education (college or trade school attended after high school), if applicable.

School name: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Area of focus: _____

If you have not graduated yet, list your anticipated date of graduation in the "To" field.

Are you currently enrolled in a post-secondary construction training/trade program?

School name: _____ Address: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Did you graduate? YES NO Area of focus: _____

If you have not graduated yet, list your anticipated date of graduation in the "To" field.

Employment (if applicable)

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

YES NO

May we contact your previous supervisor for a reference?

YES NO

Is this company a member of the HBAGC?

Company: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____ Supervisor: _____

Job Title: _____

Responsibilities: _____

From: _____ To: _____ Reason for Leaving: _____

YES NO

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YES NO

Is this company a member of the HBAGC?

Military Service (if applicable)

Branch: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Rank at Discharge: _____ Type of Discharge: _____

If other than honorable, explain: _____

Disclaimer and Signature

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

If this application leads to a scholarship award, I understand that false or misleading information in my application or interview may result in forfeiture.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Letter of Recommendation/Reference

You must submit one letter of recommendation from an instructor/advisor, current/former supervisor, or industry tradesman who is familiar with your academic performance, work ethic or need for financial assistance OR provide us with the name of 3 references for us to contact directly.

Instructions: The letter of recommendation should be submitted as a separate pdf with your application and include the following content:

- A brief introduction that states the recommender's name, employer, phone, address, email address and relationship to the applicant.
- An overview of the applicant's strengths and why they believe the applicant would be a good candidate for our scholarship. Applicable examples demonstrating the applicant's strengths would be appreciated.
- Recommender's signature on the letter.
- If submitting 3 references, please provide their name, phone, email address and relationship to the applicant.

Personal Reflection

In 500 words or less, please tell us why you are applying for this scholarship, how you would use the funds if awarded, and what excites you about pursuing a career in residential construction. Please save this document as a pdf and submit it with your application.

Other Information and Qualifications - Optional

If there is additional information you would like to share with us related to your personal achievements (extra-curricular activities, awards, achievements, etc.) please provide a separate pdf highlighting these achievements including the date achieved/awarded and submit with your application.

Application Submission Instructions

The following information is required for this application to be submitted in full. Incomplete applications will not be accepted.

- Completed application
- Letter of recommendation
- Personal reflection
- Other information that you feel is beneficial to your consideration for a scholarship
- Transcripts may be requested as part of the review process.

Completed applications should be emailed to: chickerson@cincybuilders.com – please include '2026 scholarship application' in the subject line.

**The deadline for application is April 3, 2026.
Applications received after the deadline may not be considered.**

All submissions are confidential and submitted applications become the property of the HBAGC. Applicants will be notified by email of their award status. All scholarship awards are final.