



Minnesota Builders Exchange *Scholarship Program*

THE MINNESOTA BUILDERS EXCHANGE (MBEX) is dedicated to supporting the construction industry and its future workforce. Individual memberships and member companies represent design, construction and support industries associated with the commercial construction sector throughout Minnesota and the surrounding five-state area. MBEX is committed to keeping its members on the leading edge of project information via its Online Plan Room and the sharing of plans, creating connections and community throughout the construction industry, and offering educational opportunities to advance skills needed in today's workplace.

As MBEX continues to grow and advance as an organization, so has its commitment to encouraging and supporting students to pursue careers in the trades and in construction-related fields.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

With its partner, The Builders Group (TBG) Education Foundation, MBEX wants to award multiple scholarships ranging in value from \$500 - \$5,000 to carpenters, electricians, HVAC specialists, masons, tilers, elevator technicians, plumbers, utility workers, and all specialized trades work, as well as construction management, construction engineering, estimating and construction administration students.

MBEX reserves the right to adjust the number and monetary value of its scholarships.

In addition to the cash scholarship prize, MBEX will provide complimentary invitations for all MBEX-offered social events and educational opportunities to the scholarship winners.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- 1.) Students must be pursuing a construction-related field of study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution, be it a trade school, a 2-year technical or community college, or 4-year university.
- 2.) Students must be entering the Fall 2023 semester as a freshman, sophomore or junior (if attending longer than the traditional 4-year graduation track, seniors may be eligible).
- 3.) Students must be studying at said accredited post-secondary institution in Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Iowa, or Wisconsin.
- 4.) Students must maintain a GPA, or equivalent, of 2.5 or higher.
- 5.) Students must possess a strong passion for the construction industry and want to give back to their community.
- 6.) Students must agree to attend a minimum of ONE MBEX-hosted event within the Fall 2023, Spring 2024, or Summer 2024 semesters. (Additional conversation will be held for out-of-state scholarship recipients.)

Previous scholarship recipients may reapply if they are not entering their final semester and/or year of their academic studies.

The MBEX Scholarship Committee will review applications from qualified applicants and rank the students based on a merit-based scoring system based on their proven interest in advancing their career in the construction field as well as in giving back to their communities and industry in the future.

SUBMISSION PROCESS & TIMELINE

- Applications must be submitted online from MBEX's new portal at <https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/MBEXScholarshipApplication2023>.
- Completed applications and all supporting documents must be submitted by the end of the day on May 31, 2023.
- The MBEX Scholarship Committee will meet to review all qualified applicants and score each application in the first week of June 2023.
- The MBEX Scholarship Committee will then meet afterward (also in June 2023) to discuss and award selected applicants.
- All applicants will be notified of receiving an MBEX Scholarship or not the first week of July 2023.
- The awarded applicants are expected to attend a minimum of ONE MBEX-sponsored social event in the Fall 2023 semester, the Spring 2024 semester, or over the summer in 2024.

EVALUATION

Applicants will be evaluated on:

- Written Essay – this will be the most heavily evaluated piece of one’s application.
- Transcript from post-secondary institution to document coursework and GPA
- Letter of Recommendation from an individual outside of the applicant’s educational institution but within the construction industry, a teacher and/or faculty member at their current post-secondary institution, or other
- Involvement in construction-related activities
- Involvement in professional student organizations
- Work Experience – both construction-related and non-construction related

CONTACT

If you have questions regarding the 2023-2024 MBEX Scholarship program, please contact Ashlee Hartwig at (612) 381-2631 or by email at ah@mbex.org.

Additional information about the MBEX-TBG Scholarship program can be found by visiting www.mbex.org/scholarship.

