



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 construction-related fields.

SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Embarking on a career within the construction and building industry presents both incredible opportunities and significant challenges. In recognition of this dynamic landscape, the Minnesota Builders Exchange (MBEX) and its partner, The Builders Group Education Foundation, wants to support and empower the next generation of industry leaders and innovators.

MBEX wants to award multiple scholarships ranging in value from \$500 - \$5,000* to future carpenters, electricians, HVAC specialists, masons, tilers, elevator technicians, plumbers, utility workers, and all specialized trades workers, as well as construction managers, construction engineers, estimators, and construction administration students.

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

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

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

- 1.) Applicants must be pursuing a construction-related field of study at an accredited post-secondary educational institution, be it a trade school, a two-year technical or community college, or four-year university.
- 2.) Applicants must be entering the Fall 2024 semester as a freshman, sophomore, or junior. For students completing their degree beyond the traditional four years, you may also be eligible to apply.
- 3.) Applicants must be studying at said accredited post-secondary institution in Minnesota, Iowa, North Dakota, South Dakota, or Wisconsin.
- 4.) Applicants must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher.
- 5.) Applicants must possess a strong passion for the construction industry.
- 6.) Applicants must agree to attend a minimum of **ONE** MBEX-sponsored event within the Fall 2024, Spring 2025, or Summer 2025 semesters. (For applicants outside of Minnesota, further discussions will be had with MBEX staff if awarded a scholarship.)

Previous scholarship recipients are welcome to reapply if they meet the scholarship criteria and are not entering their final semester of study.

The MBEX Scholarship Committee will review applications from qualified applicants and rank them based on a merit-based scoring system.

SUBMISSION PROCESS & TIMELINE

- Applications must be submitted through the Kaleidoscope online portal:
<https://apply.mykaleidoscope.com/scholarships/MBEXScholarshipApplications2024>.
- Completed applications and all supporting documents must be submitted by the end of the day on May 31, 2024.
- The MBEX Scholarship Committee will review and score all qualified applications in early June 2024.
- The MBEX Scholarship Committee will then meet afterward (also in June 2024) to discuss and award scholarships.
- All applicants will be notified of receiving an MBEX Scholarship or not the first or second week of July 2024.
- Awarded applicants are expected to attend a minimum of **ONE** MBEX-sponsored social event in the Fall 2024 or Spring 2025 semesters, or over the summer in 2025.

EVALUATION

Applicants will be evaluated on:

- Written Essay (600 words or less): This will be the most heavily evaluated piece of an applicant's submission.
- Two Short-Answer Questions (250 words or less) regarding MBEX and your current relationship with the construction industry.
- Letter of Recommendation from an academic instructor, advisor, an employer, supervisor, community leader, or organizational representative
- Construction-Related Work Experience
- Transcript from post-secondary institution and GPA.
- Construction-related work experience.
- Involvement in construction-related activities.
- Involvement in professional student organizations.

CONTACT

If you have questions regarding the 2024-2025 MBEX / TBG Construction Scholarship, please contact Ashlee Hartwig at (612) 381-2631 or ah@mbex.org.

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

