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2026 SCHOLARSHIP NOTICE

The North Carolina Section of AAACEI International (Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International) the Authority for Total Cost Management, announces the opening of the 2026 Scholarship Award Program for undergraduate and graduate students.

One (1) Scholarship Award will be given at \$1,000

APPLICATIONS DUE BY: May 23rd 2026 11:59PM EST

Scholarship Eligibility:

1. Eligible Academic Programs – Undergraduate (Sophomore +) or Post Graduate academic programs that qualify for the NC Section AAACEI International Scholarship Program;
 - a. Construction Management
 - b. Engineering (Civil, Mechanical, Electrical, all others related to construction)
 - c. Architecture
 - d. Building Construction or Environment
 - e. Other relevant programs (subject to NC Section AAACEI Board approval)
2. Eligible Colleges – Colleges or Universities in the State of North Carolina with Eligible Academic Programs.
3. Academics - Student must have been accepted to an eligible program and have attained at least a 2.5 GPA on a 4.0 scale with provided transcript.

Scholarship Application:

1. Completed Application Cover Sheet – Applicants must complete the following application cover sheet.
2. Official Transcript – Applicants must provide their current official transcript. (Proof Of Enrollment & GPA)
3. Essay – Applicants shall write a 500 to 750 word essay on the value of study in cost engineering/cost management and their elements (cost engineering, estimating, planning & scheduling, and project management) and explain why it is important to your academic objectives and career goals.

Evaluation Criteria:

1. Academic Performance: 30%
2. Essay Response: 70%

Scholarship Process Timeline:

1. Applications Open By: 4/1/2026
2. Applications Due By: 5/23/2026 11:59PM EST
3. Announcement of Selection: 6/21/2026
4. Check distribution to College By: 7/30/2026

Application Submittal Instructions:

1. Print or digitally fill out the Application Cover Sheet.
2. Convert and compile the Application Cover Sheet and all required documentation in one PDF file, in the following order:
 - 1) Application Cover Sheet (Attached)
 - 2) Current Transcript which shows proof of enrollment in the eligible program
 - 3) Essay
3. Submit the PDF application packet by email as an attachment to north-carolina@acei.org & bjensen@chasolutions.com with email Subject "ACEI NC 2026 Scholarship Submittal –" followed by your name.
4. State in the body of the email, your Name, College / University, and Program of study.

The Association for the Advancement of Cost Engineering International (ACEI) is dedicated to advancing the study of cost engineering and cost management through the integrative process of Total Cost Management. Our section serves the greater NC area. To promote our objectives, ACEI awards scholarships to full-time, qualified sophomore through graduate students pursuing a related degree in cost/schedule management. We look forward to hearing from students and supporting their education.

Thank you for your application,

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