



## ACEC Research Institute Scholarship Program Guidelines for Member Organizations

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### ACEC RESEARCH INSTITUTE AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS AMONG FINALISTS SUBMITTED BY MOs

Under the auspices of the ACEC College of Fellows, the ACEC Research Institute will award five (5) *General Scholarships* in 2022, and three (3) specialty scholarships: *the* Coalition of American Structural Engineers (CASE) Scholarship, the J.A. Watts, Inc. Diversity in Engineering Scholarship, and the Lee Rice LRE Water Scholarship.

Funding for these awards as well as all expenses incurred will come exclusively from the Institute and from funds generously provided by firms, organizations or individuals for named scholarships, and the identified sponsoring coalitions and trusts of ACEC.

The ACEC Research Institute will rely solely on applications derived from the MOs that administer their own scholarship programs (or, if they do not issue scholarships themselves, are at least able to screen applicants). Each MO is encouraged to submit four (4) candidates to ACEC for award consideration; two (2) general scholarship candidates, and two (2) specialty scholarship candidates.

### STUDENT ELIGIBILITY

#### General Scholarships

Students must be entering their junior, senior, fifth, or master's degree year, in the **fall of 2022** to qualify for the general scholarships. In addition, a student must be a U.S. citizen pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in engineering or in an accredited land-surveying program to qualify. ABET accreditation of engineering programs for scholarship applicants must conform to the following for the degree the student is pursuing:

- **Bachelor's Degree**  
Student must be in an ABET-accredited engineering program.
- **Master's Degree**  
Student must either be in an ABET-accredited Master of Science (MS) engineering program or have a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree from an ABET-accredited engineering program.

#### Council of American Structural Engineers (CASE) Scholarship

Only students who are enrolled in a **Master's degree** program for Structural Engineering in **fall of 2022** will be eligible for the CASE scholarship. Student must either be in an ABET-accredited MS engineering program or have a BS degree from an ABET-accredited engineering program<sup>1</sup>.

#### J.A. Watts, Inc. Diversity in Engineering Scholarship

This scholarship will award funding to students of color who have been traditionally underrepresented in the field of engineering<sup>2</sup>. Student must be a U.S. citizen entering their junior, senior, or fifth year, or master's degree program, pursuing a Bachelor's or Master's degree in an ABET-accredited engineering program or in an accredited land-surveying program.

#### Lee Rice LRE Water Scholarship

The Lee Rice-LRE Water Scholarship for students entering their junior, senior or 5th year, or pursuing a Master's Degree in engineering geology, water engineering or natural resource engineering related fields at an ABET-accredited engineering program or in an accredited land-surveying program. Student must be a U.S. citizen.

<sup>1</sup>: An ABET-accredited engineering program is one that conforms to the ABET **Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC)** standards. To view a list of ABET, Inc.'s EAC accredited engineering programs, visit ABET's website at [www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org).

<sup>2</sup>: For the Diversity Scholarship, students will self-identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native, Black, Asian/Pacific Islander, Hispano/Latino, and/or Mixed Race.

## **REQUIRED USE OF OFFICIAL 2022 ACEC APPLICATION FORM**

An “Official 2022 ACEC Research Institute Scholarship Application Form” for use by MOs is included in the attachments. Each MO will be responsible for adding its deadline, name and address, and then reproducing and distributing it. It is necessary that each MO use the same criteria to judge their applicants. Please note, the application format and point allotment for scoring can change from year to year.

Therefore, **MOs shall utilize the attached “Official 2022 ACEC Research Institute Scholarship Application Form”**; non-standard applications will not be accepted.

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## **THE SCHOLARSHIP INITIATIVE IS CENTERED ON THE MEMBER ORGANIZATION**

The scholarship initiative is meant to be local. The Institute will issue its awards based on a pool of finalists from MO programs around the country. MOs will establish, maintain, publicize, and respond to inquiries on the activities within their borders. Any inquiries received by ACEC National or ACEC Research Institute will be forwarded to the appropriate MO for consideration in their local program as well as the national program.

MOs who wish to participate in the national scholarship awards program may submit four applications with completed checklist. All applications must be delivered to **Heather Talbert** by March 18, 2022 for screening and judging by ACEC’s College of Fellows. Announcement of the “2022 ACEC National Scholarship” award winners will be made during ACEC’s 2022 Fall Conference.

To view a list of ABET, Inc.’s EAC accredited engineering programs, visit ABET’s website at [www.abet.org](http://www.abet.org).

For information regarding scholarship scoring guidelines, please [click here](#).

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