



## MBP FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP

MBP was founded in 1989 by Frank McDonough, Charlie Bolyard, and Blake Peck, three engineers who shared the vision of building a professional construction management consulting company based on six core values: We Act with Integrity, We Deliver Quality, We Are One Team, We Are Driven to Succeed, We Are Innovative, and We Care About Our Community. The MBP Founders' Scholarship was established to provide financial assistance to qualified and deserving students attending institutions of higher learning specializing in an engineering/technical curriculum related to the construction management industry. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated desire to pursue a career within the construction management industry.

### **Funding:**

The scholarship is fully funded by MBP and the amount of the scholarship for the 2026-2027 academic year will be one or more scholarships of \$5,000 to \$10,000. The scholarship funds will be disbursed directly to the college and applied toward approved educational expenses.

### **Eligibility:**

1. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated desire to pursue a career within the construction management industry.
2. Applicants must be enrolled as a full-time student in a four-year undergraduate program in an engineering/technical program with a focus on construction management at an accredited college or university. No scholarship will be awarded to those pursuing an associate degree. Applicants who receive an appointment to one of the U.S. Military Academies (or affiliated preparatory schools) or are awarded a full scholarship at any accredited college or university are not eligible to receive funds from this scholarship. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for payment of tuition, room and board, books, and lab fees.
3. This program is for returning undergraduate students. The applicant must have completed one full year of study to be eligible, be in good academic standing, and not be an undergraduate student anticipating graduation in May 2026. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale.
4. U.S. citizenship or permanent US resident status required.

### **Basis of Award:**

The MBP Founders' Scholarship will be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Academic excellence
2. Related work experience
3. Activities
4. Honors/awards/certifications
5. Essay response
6. Demonstration of MBP's six core values (We Act with Integrity, We Deliver Quality, We Are One Team, We Are Driven to Succeed, We Are Innovative, and We Care About Our Community)
7. Letter(s) of recommendation (minimum 1 required)
8. Finalist interviews

Financial need is not a consideration. This scholarship program does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, disability, or any other characteristic protected by applicable law. Eligibility criteria are based solely on the requirements outlined in this scholarship application.



Application Timeline	
Items Due/Event	Deadline
Application and Letter of Recommendation Form	Friday, March 13, 2026
Transcripts	Friday, March 27, 2026
Interview Timeframe	Late April 2026, early May 2026
Award Notification	Mid-May 2026

If you have any questions, please call Al Hawkins at 919-582-8313, or by email at [ahawkins@mbpce.com](mailto:ahawkins@mbpce.com).



## SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

1. Name of Scholarship Applicant \_\_\_\_\_
2. Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_
3. Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_
4. E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_
5. Name of College/University Currently Attending \_\_\_\_\_
6. Academic Year \_\_\_\_\_
7. Expected Graduation Year \_\_\_\_\_
8. Area of Study/Major \_\_\_\_\_
9. Grade Point Average:
  - a) Cumulative GPA \_\_\_\_\_
  - b) Last Term GPA \_\_\_\_\_
  - c) In-Major GPA \_\_\_\_\_

10. Related Work Experience:  
List part-time, summer jobs, internships, and volunteer work you have held in the last three years. Preference will be given to applicants with construction management or relevant work experience.

Employer	Your Duties	Date of Employment	Hours/Week

11. Activities:  
List school and community activities including professional organizations (other than jobs) that you have participated in during the last three years. Please highlight specific relevance to the construction management industry.

Activity	Responsibilities and Length of Involvement

12. Honors/Awards/Certifications:  
List any special honors, awards, or certifications you have won, either in or out of school, in the last three years. Please highlight specific relevance to the construction management industry.

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13. Essay Question:  
Develop and attach a concise response (no more than 250 words) to the following question:  
*What do you hope to accomplish in the field of construction management and how will these goals impact your community?*

14. Transcripts:  
You must include a copy of your transcript from each school you have attended for undergraduate credit with your application package. For final selection, you must provide an official transcript from each school you have attended. The official transcript must be an original; no photo or web copies will be accepted. E-transcripts are acceptable.

If your school will not issue an official transcript directly to you, the transcript should be sent directly to the MBP Founders' Scholarship Committee. However, please remember that the official transcripts must be received no later than **March 27, 2026**, and be sure to allow plenty of time for your transcript request to be processed by the school.

Final award of the scholarship cannot be made until the official transcript(s) are received. If they are not received in a timely manner, the scholarship will be awarded to the next qualified candidate.

Name of School	Date of Request

15. One or more Letter(s) of Recommendation:  
Letters may be provided by an instructor, supervisor, mentor, academic advisor, or someone who can explain why you are qualified to be awarded this scholarship. It is beneficial if the person providing the letter of recommendation has examples that discuss your accomplishments or reasons for being awarded the scholarship.

Please have everyone providing a letter of recommendation fill out the *Letter of Recommendation – Evaluation Form (Attachment A)* and include it with their letter.

16. An interview of potential candidates is required for selection of the final awardee(s). If your application is found to be one of the highest-scored application packages, someone from the MBP Founders' Scholarship Committee will contact you to schedule an interview. The interview will be held virtually unless an in-person interview is practical.

17. Certification (to be completed by applicant)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief, and I meet the eligibility requirements. If chosen as a recipient of the MBP Founders' Scholarship; I will utilize the funds received to pay for a portion of my college expenses.

Date Signature of Applicant

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**MBP FOUNDERS' SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION, cont'd**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

Attachment A: Letter of Recommendation – Evaluation Form

Applicant must submit one (1) signed application. Completed forms must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 13, 2026**, to the address listed below (the application can be mailed or e-mailed):

**MBP Founders' Scholarship Committee  
Al Hawkins, Committee Chair  
2600 Park Tower Drive, Suite 801  
Vienna, VA 22180  
ahawkins@mbpce.com**



**ATTACHMENT A**

**Letter of Recommendation - Evaluation Form**

Thank you for taking the time to fill out this form and submitting an accompanying letter of recommendation for the applicant. Please return your letter of recommendation and this form in a sealed envelope to the applicant with your signature across the seal. The applicant needs to have the sealed envelope returned in time to mail their application for a **March 13, 2026**, delivery deadline.

<b><i>Applicant's Name</i></b>	
<b><i>Evaluator's Name</i></b>	
<b><i>Company/Department</i></b>	
<b><i>How long have you known this student?</i></b>	
<b><i>In what capacity?</i></b>	
<b><i>How often do you see this student?</i></b>	

***EVALUATE EACH CATEGORY BY MARKING THE APPROPRIATE CELL***

	Poor	Below Average	Average	Above Average	Superior
Cooperation					
Courtesy					
Dependability					
Industriousness					
Initiative					
Maturity					
Ability to select & achieve goal					
Self-Control					