



# BCA PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP

## 2019 Award Guidelines & Application

The Building Contractors Association of Northeast Indiana established this award to recognize significant accomplishments and reward worthy students in furthering their education in a post-secondary, construction-related education program. Applicant shall be pursuing at minimum an Associates degree from an accredited college or university or studying under a BAT-approved construction apprenticeship program. Accepted programs fall under headings of architecture, construction and engineering degrees applied to the discipline of construction. Non-construction majors are ineligible.

- 1) The amount of the award for 2019 shall be \$2500. One award shall be made annually from the BCA Scholarship Fund maintained by the BCA Board of Directors. The BCA Workforce Development & Education Committee (the committee) shall serve as the awarding body.
- 2) It is the intention that the scholarship shall be awarded annually. However, if there is no candidate that meets the criteria, the committee may hold the award for the following year when two awards may be given.
- 3) The award shall be used for tuition or books only; personal expenses are excluded. If the award winner is studying under an apprenticeship program, up to half of the award may be used to purchase tools required by the trade.

### REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must be an employee of a regular BCA member in good standing (*listing available by request or at [www.bcafortwayne.org](http://www.bcafortwayne.org)*) or family of a regular BCA member's full-time employee and/or successfully completed the BCA Construction Career Academy.
- Submit a completed application form by April 1, 2019.
- Funds are to be used for the 2019-2020 school year and may not carry forward.
- Submit verification of admission to an accredited construction apprenticeship program or to a college construction-related degree program.
- Submit a current college transcript if currently attending college.
- Hold a current minimum GPA of 2.0 out of 4.0 (or equivalent).
- Submit an essay of at least 250 words in length that clearly conveys career goals and the applicant's desired path in the construction industry.

## **2019 Award Guidelines, Continued**

- For Merits under Section #2: Detail specific accomplishments or involvement that helps qualify you for future leadership and responsibility. Specifically, the committee will be looking for attributes in one or more of these areas:
  - Extracurricular Activities
  - School Activities
  - Special Academic Achievements
  - Volunteering in Social Welfare Organizations
  - Construction Background or Experience
  - Ambitions / Personal Goals Outside of Career Goals

Applicants graduating from high school in 2019 shall submit the following with their application:

- Certified school attendance records for four years of high school.
- Certified grade transcripts for four years of high school.

*Possible Requirement:* The committee may request personal interviews of top applicants to determine merits of the individuals and to help in final selection of the award recipient.

### **SELECTION**

All applications will be reviewed by the BCA Workforce Development & Education Committee. Only those applicants who submit all required information as listed above will be given consideration.

Determination of award, interpretation of these guidelines, and disbursement of funds is at the sole discretion of the committee. The winner will be notified by certified mail by May 15, 2018.

If you have any questions regarding the requirements or application process, please contact the Building Contractors Association at 260 483-9596. Completed applications are to be mailed or delivered to the following address:

**BCA Workforce Development & Education Committee  
536 West Cook Road  
Fort Wayne, IN 46825**

**COMPLETED APPLICATION MUST BE RECEIVED AT THE BCA OFFICE  
NOT LATER THAN MONDAY, APRIL 1, 2019.**

# 2019 BCA PRESIDENTIAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(First) (Middle Initial) (Last Name)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_  
(Number and Street) (City) (State) (Zip)

Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_ Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security #XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

## Scholastic Background:

• High School Year(s) Attended Graduation Date  
\_\_\_\_\_

• College Year(s) Attended Expected Graduation Date  
\_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_ Overall GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach your latest transcript.

• Apprenticeship Program Year(s) Attended Completion Date  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you are graduating from high school in 2019, list the colleges or BAT-approved construction apprenticeship programs that you have applied for at this time.

\_\_\_\_\_  Accepted  Rejected  Pending  
\_\_\_\_\_  Accepted  Rejected  Pending  
\_\_\_\_\_  Accepted  Rejected  Pending

Did you successfully complete the BCA Construction Career Academy while in high school?  Yes  No

Are you Employed?  Yes  No

If Yes, Employer's Name & Address: \_\_\_\_\_

If you are not employed by a BCA member, list the qualifying relationship(s) you have to an employee of a BCA member:

Name & Employed By: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Attach additional sheets as needed for these sections.**

1) Provide an essay of at least 250 words in length that clearly conveys your educational and career goals.

2) Provide information detailing positions or experiences you had in high school, college, places of employment, church, club work and elsewhere that you believe illustrates the reasons you should be chosen for this merit award. (Refer to suggested attribute areas listed in the guidelines).

3) Provide any other reasons why you should be considered for this award which were not covered in sections 1 or 2 above.

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Applicant Signature

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Date

**Return application and required attachments by April 1, 2019 to:**

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