



DBIA WESTERN PACIFIC REGION College Scholarship Application Advertisement

Application Deadline: *Friday, March 27th, 2026 @ 5pm*

TERMS, CONDITIONS AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Purpose: The scholarship is designed to recognize and encourage excellence in the Design-Build approach to Design and Construction. The scholarship is awarded based on merit/academic achievement, demonstrated interest in & understanding of the Design-Build methodology, leadership skills, and financial need. Awards to be announced on April 3rd, 2026. Winners are encouraged to attend the DBIA-WPR Education Summit & Awards Dinner (During the DBIA-WPR Education & Awards Summit) on Tuesday, May 19th (6:30pm – 8:30pm) 2026 in Scottsdale, AZ.

Scholarships Available:

- Twelve (12) \$3,000 DBIA Western Pacific Region Scholarships (plus \$500 reimbursement for travel and lodging costs to attend awards banquet at the DBIA-WPR Regional Conference).
- DBIA-WPR Chapters raise a substantial amount of funding through golf tournaments in the following areas: Arizona, Bay Area, LA/OC, Sacramento, San Diego, Nevada, and Hawaii. To sustain and increase funding for future student scholarships, one scholarship is guaranteed for each chapter mentioned above. The minimum requirements, listed below, must be met to qualify.

Required Application Documentation

- Application Form, via this link: [DBIA-WPR Application \(Google Form Link\)](#)
- Upload the following completed documents to the Google Form application as a single combined .pdf file in the following order: *(Save the file as: Last Name, First Name – DBIA-WPR Scholarship)*

1. Letter of Recommendation from Professor, Industry Professional or DBIA Member

- Letters of recommendation should be tailored to the specific criteria of this scholarship.
- Letters should address specific examples to illustrate the student exemplifying admirable characteristics such as leadership, work ethic, career focused efforts, grit, working well in a team setting under pressure, etc.

2. Written Verification of GPA:

- A letter from a Professor or University Employee with official capacity (i.e. Academic Advisor, Coordinator, etc.), on University letterhead, listing your overall cumulative current GPA, major course of study and enrollment status.

3. Accomplishments (1-Page Maximum)

- Identify any significant accomplishments which you believe bode well for your application.
- Examples of valued criteria include the following: Leadership positions or participation in activities on campus, working while attending school, participating in student clubs or competitions, being a student athlete, community service activities, etc.

4. Financial Need (1-Page Maximum)

- Explain any significant financial need circumstances which you believe bode well for your application. Examples of considerations to justify financial need include, but are not limited to:
 - Is the student taking on debt to pay for school?
 - Approximately what % of tuition and living expenses is the student paying?
 - Is the student working and number of hours per week, to pay for education expenses?

5. Written Essay (2-Pages Maximum, Prior to the Verification Letter)

- **Topic:** Design-Build In-Action
- **Format:** 12-point font, Times New Roman, 1.5 lines spacing. Bullet points are acceptable for the Project Overview information.
- **Essay:** Select a Design-Build project that is either currently under construction or has been completed within the past one to two years. Conduct an interview with an industry professional directly involved in the project. The interviewee may represent the Owner, Architect, Engineer, General Contractor, or Specialty Contractor.
- Prepare a well-organized essay that addresses the following components:
 - **Project Overview**
 - **Project Need**

Explain the underlying need, purpose, or driving force behind the development of the project.
 - **Building Type and Intended Use**

Describe the function of the facility and the type of building (e.g., healthcare, educational, commercial, industrial, mixed-use, etc.).
 - **Construction Systems**

Outline the primary construction systems utilized, including structural system, exterior cladding, roofing type, and any other significant building systems.
 - **Project Size**

State the total square footage of the project.
 - **Estimated Costs**

Include the approximate design and construction costs.
 - **Project Schedule**

Summarize the overall timeline, including both design and construction phases.
 - **Design-Build In-Action**
 - **Owner's Priorities**

Describe what the Owner valued most in this project and how those values were upheld.
 - **Design-Build Entity**

Identify the Design-Build team and explain how they were selected or awarded the project (e.g., qualifications-based selection, best value, negotiated contract, etc.).
 - **Rationale for Delivery Method**

Discuss why the Design-Build delivery system was chosen for this project.
 - **Project Successes**

Highlight specific successes that resulted from using the Design-Build approach. Provide project specific examples.
 - **Interview Verification Letter:**
 - The industry professional must provide a verification letter, on their company letterhead and with their signature, acknowledging they participated in an interview with you.

Applicant Eligibility

- Candidates must be enrolled, at time of application and continuing education during the AY 2026 – 2027 academic year, in a trade school, community college or university in the Western Pacific Region of the U.S. (Arizona, California, Hawaii, or Nevada). DBIA encourages applications from all qualified students. Freshmen through Seniors, and Graduate students, are welcome to apply, as long as you will be continuing your education during the AY 2026-2027 academic year.
- High School students are not eligible to participate.

Academic Requirements

- Students in good standing, making reasonable progress towards a degree in: Construction Management, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Architectural Engineering, Architecture, Landscape Architecture, Interior Design, or another major pertinent to Design and Construction.
- 2.7 minimum cumulative G.P.A. (List cumulative GPA throughout all college level courses)

Terms

- Scholarship Award will be paid directly to the student.
- Previous DBIA-WPR scholarship recipients are not eligible to apply.
- Award recipient may not send a stand-in person to the awards ceremony.
- Guests of the award recipient may attend the award ceremony at their own cost, upon their own online registration at www.dbiawpr.org

Questions:

- Submit any questions to Patrick Brittle (DBIA-WPR Education Committee Chair) pbrittle@csuchico.edu

Application Scoring Criteria

Category	Points (%)
1. Letter of Recommendation	8 Pts (20%)
2. Written Verification of GPA	2 Pts (5%)
3. Written Essay	10 Pts (25%)
4. Member of a DBIA Student Chapter	3 Pts (8%)
5. Academic Performance	3 Pts (8%)
6. Accomplishments	8 Pts (20%)
7. Financial Need	6 Pts (15%)
TOTAL	40 (100%)