



2015-2016 Builders Exchange Scholarship Program Application



Our Mission: "The BX Scholarship Program advances the central Ohio commercial construction industry by providing funding to students for completion of a construction-related undergraduate education program."

Since 1959, the Builders Exchange Scholarship Program has recognized students who represent the future of the central Ohio commercial construction industry. Eligible students must be enrolled in or be entering a two-year technical program or four-year college program and be in a construction-related field of study. The BX Scholarship Program is currently for undergraduate students only.

Full-time and part-time students are eligible to apply for a scholarship. Applications are reviewed by the BX Scholarship Trustees. Award amounts vary based on the scoring criteria. After confirmation of enrollment all scholarship checks are made payable to the college or technical school of the recipient.

Applicants are evaluated on the following criteria:

- academic achievement
- community and school involvement
- financial need
- relationship of the student's field of study to the construction industry
- potential future impact of the student on the central Ohio construction community
- quality of the application

Applications must be **complete and accompanied by a SCHOOL ISSUED TRANSCRIPT** for consideration. Official transcripts will be returned upon request – please include a self addressed, stamped envelope. You may choose to print an unofficial transcript from the school website. If so, be sure to include your entire coursework history through December of 2014.

Applications must be received by the Builders Exchange no later than noon on Friday, February 20, 2015.

**Return completed application to: Stacey Kruse
Builders Exchange of Central Ohio
1175 Dublin Rd. (43215)
P.O. Box 369
Columbus, OH 43216-0369**

The BX is not responsible for late, misdirected or postage due mail. Please make sure your complete application is received on time for consideration.

If you have questions, please contact Stacey Kruse at the BX, 614/486-9521 (ext. 233) or by email at skruse@bx.org. Recipients will be notified of their awards by April 30, 2015.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Student's Full Name: _____

Student's Age: _____ Marital Status: _____ Number of dependent children: _____

Current Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ Cell Phone: () _____

Email: _____

If this is student housing or a temporary address, please give permanent or parents' contact information:

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: () _____ Email: _____

EDUCATION HISTORY

Student's high school, city and state: _____ High school graduation date: _____

Student's current or anticipated college/technical school: _____

Expected college/technical school graduation date: _____

MOST RECENT EMPLOYMENT (including summer job experience)

Employer's Name, Company: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip Code: _____ Phone Number: () _____

Employed (month and year) From: _____ To: _____

Position: _____

ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

If you know a BX member, they may submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. A letter is not required, but could be beneficial in review of your application. For a full list of BX members, see the Membership Directory located on the BX website at bx.org.

I _____ am _____ am not attaching a letter of recommendation from a Builders Exchange member.

If so, member's name and company: _____

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Class status as of September 2015: (Check one)

College freshman College sophomore College junior College senior -- **OR** --
 First year of technical school/2-year college Second year of technical school/2-year college

Expected status during the 2015-2016 academic year: (Check one)

Full-time Part-time

Number of class hours you plan to take:

hours per quarter **OR** hours per semester

Cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale (do not round up): _____

Have you previously received any other degree in higher education? _____ No _____ Yes

If so, list the institution, degree/major, and year: _____

Describe your current or anticipated major field of study and the degree toward which you are working:

_____ Bachelor's Degree _____ Associate's Degree

Major/Minor: _____

Are you receiving tuition assistance from your employer? _____ Yes _____ No

If yes, to what degree? _____

Describe any extra-curricular activities in which you are involved: _____

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

The purpose of the financial information disclosed in this application is to provide the BX Scholarship Trustees with a better understanding of your financial need. All information will be held in confidence. Please explain any unique circumstances that add to your financial need, which could include your work schedule, number of dependent children in your household, siblings in college, etc.

ATTACHMENTS *(no staples or binders please)*

To be considered for a scholarship, applicants must complete this form (be sure to answer **all** questions) and attach the following:

1. **Mandatory essay**: On a separate sheet, write a one-page essay that describes your career plans, how your field of study – and your leadership and service experiences – apply to these goals and how you will impact the central Ohio construction community in the future.
2. **Recommendation form**: Please attach the provided Recommendation Form, which should be completed by a school contact (career counselor, teacher, principal, coach, etc.) or an outside contact (employer, pastor, scout leader, etc.). Note: Family members may not complete the Recommendation Form.
3. **School issued transcript**: You may send an official transcript or unofficial transcript from the school website. Be sure to include your entire coursework history through December of 2014.

Optional attachment:

4. **BX member letter**: Support from a Builders Exchange member is not required, but will add to your evaluation score. Letters must be from members of the Builders Exchange of Central Ohio.

SIGNATURES

I affirm that the information reported on this application is accurate and true to the best of my knowledge. I authorize the release of eligibility data from the college/technical school I attend.

Applicant's signature: _____ Date: _____

Parent's signature: (high school students only) _____ Date: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship? School BX website An Exchange member

Other: _____

Deadline for complete applications is noon on Friday, February 20, 2015.

2015-2016 Builders Exchange of Central Ohio Scholarship Program Recommendation Form

The student who provided you with this form is applying for a Builders Exchange Scholarship, which provides financial assistance to students pursuing a degree in a construction-related field.

Applicants will be evaluated on: academic achievement; community and school involvement; relationship of their field of study to the construction industry; potential future impact of the student on the central Ohio construction community; financial need and the quality of their application. Please assist them by providing this information.

Personal Information:

Applicant's Name: _____

Your Name: _____

Your Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

How long have you known student: _____ Your relationship to student: _____

Please rate the applicant's strengths and weaknesses in the following areas (circle one):

Personal Character	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
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Superior

Leadership	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
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Superior

Service	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good
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Superior

Please provide the rationale for your ratings. Be sure to list any specific achievements, community involvement or other relevant information about the applicant.

Your completed recommendation form should be returned to the student to be included with his/her application packet. The deadline for complete application packets to be received by the BX is noon on Friday, February 20, 2015.