

## Q+A About 2020 CMiC-Allen Berg Memorial Scholarship

The following questions were submitted prior to and during the November 6 webinar. Responses are in italics.

1. Skilled crafts: Will the scholarship be sent directly to the winner? Can it be used for housing food, etc.? What will be the required proof to receive?

*We are still working out the details since this is the first year we are offering a scholarship for a student that is following a non-college path. The amount of the scholarship will be decided at the discretion of the award committee and may cover direct or indirect expenses. Applicants will be asked to indicate their expected direct and indirect expenses related to training as part of the application.*

2. Will ACE National provide a certificate or check template?

*Yes. Unlike 2019 when all scholarships recipients were invited to Washington, DC, the awarding of the scholarship and any accompanying activities or celebrations will take place at the affiliate level. Once the winners have been selected, Regional Directors work with each affiliate to determine possible ways to celebrate the scholarship recipients.*

3. Is there any way to make the deadline 2/20 like last year?

*The announced February 5, 2020 deadline for receipt of a student's completed application will not be extended for two reasons. First, the initial review committee needs more time to review and rank nominations than last year's compressed schedule. This is a very time-consuming process. Second, we want to announce winners in early April so that affiliates will have time to incorporate awarding the scholarship into their year-end events. The scholarship program for 2020 has been announced earlier than last year in order to give affiliates advance time to identify the student they wish to nominate.*

4. Related to the selection criteria, can the application be clearer about how the submissions are scored and each area is weighted? For example, does an applicant not being in a direct ACE field rule out them out, or would they just not get as many points as another candidate? If we have clear evaluation criteria, we can flow that down to the teams submitting their nominee to make it easier to score on the local level too and eliminate the inconsistent applications.

*Only students going into one of the approved fields or a skilled crafts training program are eligible to receive the scholarship. (The list of acceptable majors can be found on the last page of the announcement about scholarship procedures and deadlines). Thus, for example, students interested in a bioengineering or aeronautics major would not be deemed*

*eligible. Another eligibility criterion is the requirement that applicants must have completed one full year in ACE by the time of applying.*

*College-bound nominees are evaluated according to seven criteria, each of which is equally rated according to a five-point scale: 1) high school academic record; 2) ACT/SAT scores, if the student has taken one of these exams; 3) adequate academic preparation for the applicant's intend college major; 4) extracurricular involvement and honors; 5) involvement in ACE; 6) strength of recommendation by mentor or affiliate leader; and 7) promise for success in an A-E-C career.*

*For students planning to enter a skilled crafts training program, there will be a somewhat different rubric which has yet to be finalized. For one thing, students will not be evaluated on ACT/SAT scores. Scholarship nominees for a skilled crafts training program will be reviewed independent from the pool of college-bound students.*

5. What is the schedule of deadlines and final announcement?

*Beginning December 9, an affiliate can submit the name of its nominee, as explained in the scholarship procedures announcement. There is no deadline for affiliates to submit their nominee's name (other than the application deadline). However, the sooner an affiliate submits the name of its nominee, the longer time the nominee will have to complete the application.*

*The nominee will be notified that he/she has been activated in the ACE database to be able to open the scholarship application. Only students marked "active" and with a completed parent consent form in the database can be listed as an applicant. Applicants must also have a permanent email address, not a school address, in their student file.*

*February 5, 2020 is the deadline for submission of the application together with a transcript and recommendation letter.*

*The announcement of winners will occur during the week of April 6, 2020.*

6. What does it mean when you say, "Students should have strong academic records relevant to their intended career path"? Does this mean that the student must have taken pre-engineering and/or architecture - basically, a technical school?

*A student does not need to be in a pre-engineering or architecture program to receive a favorable review. Rather, a student's academic record should indicate that the student is adequately prepared for his/her intended course of study.*

7. From what I understand, need is not a criteria for selecting winners, but is a factor in determining how much each winner is awarded. Is that correct?

*In the first round of application reviews by a team of ACE Board members, financial need is not an evaluation criterion. The ACE Executive Committee will make the final selection of winners and financial need is taken into account for determining the amount of the scholarship. A finalist who has a strong application and significant financial need may be given a larger amount over a student with minimal financial need. The ideal applicant would demonstrate talent and promise plus clear financial need.*