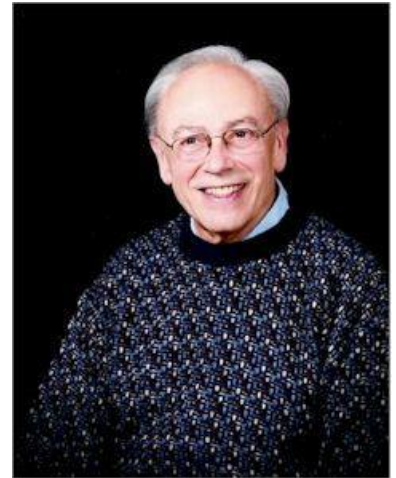


## Dave Vargas Memorial Scholarship Oregon Institute of Technology

### Introduction

Dave was a founding member of the Oregon Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) serving as Chapter President in 1988. He was the last surviving founding member when he passed away in 2017 at the age of 78. Those who knew Dave will testify to his deep commitment to the public works profession and his friendly personal nature. Since 2022, the Dave Vargas Memorial Scholarship recognizes civil engineering students at the Oregon Institute of Technology to financially assist those who are interested in pursuing a career in public works..



### Eligibility

Students must meet the eligibility criteria below to be considered for the scholarship:

1. Full-time civil engineering students who will achieve junior standing at the beginning of the academic year of the award.
2. Students who receive the award during their junior year will again be eligible to apply for the award during their senior year, assuming they maintain eligibility for the scholarship.
3. United States citizen or legal U.S. resident.
4. Four-year resident of the state of Oregon preferred but qualified applicants considered.
5. Course work must be taken at the school where the scholarship is awarded.

### Procedure

1. Submit the following information to the applicant's school representative by no later than the due date:
  - a. Application Form
  - b. Copy of transcript

School representatives and due dates are listed under "School Submittal Information" at:

<https://oregon.apwa.org/education/scholarships/scholarship-applications>

2. School faculty will review the applications and recommend one scholarship applicant to the APWA Scholarship Committee for consideration.
3. The APWA Scholarship Committee will review the recommendation and application materials for eligibility and completeness, then submit to the APWA Oregon Chapter Scholastic Foundation for consideration of award.

- Scholarship award recipients will be notified by email. The notifications usually occur in late August/early September.

### **Distribution**

Half of the award will be disbursed at the beginning of the Fall Term and the other half at the beginning of Winter Term.

### **CHANGE OF ADDRESS**

**Should the award recipient change their mailing address at any time during the school year, the scholarship committee needs to be notified as soon as possible to avoid any delay in the student receiving their scholarship funds.**

**The scholarship committee can be reached at:**

**[oregonapwascholars@gmail.com](mailto:oregonapwascholars@gmail.com)**

### **Chapter Conferences**

The scholarship recipient will be invited to attend either the fall or spring Chapter Conference to not only be recognized for their achievements but to also network with engineers and public works professionals from both the public and private sectors.

The fall conference is generally held in mid- to late October and the spring conference is generally held in early to mid-April. Registration fees will be covered for scholarship recipients by the Chapter and once in-person conferences resume, meals and lodging will also be included. It should be noted that lodging will be limited to one room for women and another room for men with a two-person per room maximum. Students are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference, however, ride share opportunities may be available with other conference attendees.

For up-to-date information on APWA conference schedules and activities, visit:

**<https://oregon.apwa.org/events/conferences/>**