

19 Students Earn 2023-2024 Scholarships

The Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation has awarded almost \$500,000 in scholarships since 1981, including a total of \$34,500 in scholarships for 19 college students for the 2023-2024 school year.

James Owen Johaneck received a \$750 Civil Engineering/Transfer/Drinking Water/ GIS Scholarship at Clackamas Community College. James is in his second term of the Water and Environmental Technology program at CCC. James has a GPA of 3.71 and feels confident in his choice to pursue a career in water treatment. His educational goal is to successfully complete the WET program by summer of 2024. Ultimately, James' goal is to be hired into an entry-level position in the water treatment industry.

John Ray Watts was selected to receive the \$1,000 Dan Boss Drinking Water or Wastewater Scholarship at Clackamas Community College. John has a GPA of 4.0. He works with local organizations and the city on clean-up days within the community by removing invasive plants from water ways and planting native plants for stream bank rehabilitation and riparian improvement. John's long-term career aspirations are to help provide quality water sources for the residents of his community through either proper wastewater treatment or creation of safe, potable water.

Elizabeth Eastlick earned a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at George Fox University. Elizabeth has a GPA of 3.89. She is interested in studying either water resources engineering or structural design in graduate school and wants to continue her education until she has earned a master's degree. She's always loved learning and plans to eventually become an educator at the high school level or above.

Serena Moha received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon Institute of Technology. Serena has a 4.0 GPA. Her main goals are to graduate with a Master's in civil engineering and to become a licensed engineer. Serena wants to remain in the pacific northwest to improve the communities she grew up in and would like to use her license in the area of design transportation infrastructure or to become a construction project manager.

Evald Kashkenov won the \$500 Dave Vargas Memorial Scholarship at Oregon Institute of Technology. Evald has a GPA of 3.75. His areas of study include environmental, structural, transportation, and water resources and his long-term educational goal is to master the transportation and structural components of civil engineering. This will help Evald develop and serve the communities in the U.S. He also wants to utilize his skills to help restore and improve the quality of life in his homeland, Ukraine.

Brianna Yu received a \$2,000 Kurt Corey Tribute Scholarship at Oregon State University. Brianna maintains a GPA of 4.0. She is a historian for OSU's American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) chapter, as well as a member of the Steel Bridge competition team. Brianna is also a part of OSU's College of Engineering Leadership Academy and Grand Challenge Scholars program. Once she earns her degree, Brianna wants to pursue a career as a transportation engineer.

Thomas Augee was awarded a \$1,500 Don and Cathy Schut Civil Engineering/Environmental Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Thomas maintains a GPA of 4.0. His long-term education goal is to get his B.S. in civil engineering and enter the workforce. Thomas wants to pass the FE before he graduates and obtain a PE license. He plans to work in water resources which is his preferred discipline but enjoys all civil disciplines. His goal is to help design public infrastructure and keep our water supply clean and efficient.

Ashlyn Heusch received a \$1,500 Ron Polvi Civil Engineering/Sustainability Scholarship at Oregon State University. Ashlyn maintains a GPA of 3.96. After graduation in 2025, she plans to work for a general contractor. Double majoring in sustainability and construction engineering management, Ashlyn plans to incorporate her knowledge in sustainability to make the construction projects she's on more sustainable.

Matthew Prak was awarded a \$2,000 Allen A. Alsing Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Matthew holds an overall GPA of 3.89. After finishing his undergraduate degree, Matthew plans on pursuing a master's degree in civil engineering with a specialization in transportation. He feels this path is a good opportunity for him to get further involved in research and learn more about the field in an academic setting before joining the industry. Regarding career goals, Matthew would like to work on projects related to sustainable transportation.

Jason Bernal Azamar received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering/Geomatics Scholarship at Oregon State University. Jason has a cumulative GPA of 3.32. Jason's area of study is focused on structural engineering. His long-term education goal is to be able to graduate with a B.S, and possibly his Master's degree. Jason loves the construction industry he will be a part of because it will allow him to give back to his community and improve it in many ways. He knows that as time advances, technology does too and with his degree, he wants to create a positive impact within his community, essentially in the world.

Emily Dahbura received a \$2,500 APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship at Oregon State University. Emily has a GPA of 3.97. Ever since she realized she enjoyed math's challenges, Emily has aspired to be a civil engineer. Beyond applying the effort she's taken to learn math and enhancing people's lives via infrastructure, Emily's aiming to strengthen the connections she's made along the way. Next year she'll be applying to CECOP to begin earning professionals' trust. OSU's IISE offers an FE review that Emily will enroll in junior year. After passing the FE exam, she'll work on gaining experience under a licensed engineer until she can take the PE exam and earn her license.

Flavio Davila won a \$750 Public Works Scholarship at Portland Community College. Flavio maintains a GPA of 4.0. His education goals are to graduate with a degree in my field, Civil & Construction Engineering Technology. He has learned a lot while being a student at PCC. Flavio's taken classes in surveying, inspection, project management, and computer drafting. Currently, he's interested in computer drafting and design and would like to develop as a drafter. He sees himself succeeding professionally in that field since it excites him and pushes him to do more.

Miranda Ashley Jones received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering /Geomatics/ Geotechnical Scholarship at Portland State University. Miranda is pursuing a degree in structural engineering and maintains an overall GPA of 3.61. She would like to continue and complete the master's program in structural engineering after completing her B.A. When she began this degree, Miranda was focused on new structures, buildings mostly, but now has a growing interest in bridges and how we can improve and strengthen the existing bridges throughout the northwest. She is also interested in seismic retrofitting and engineering of buildings and bridges.

Dawn Walter received a \$1,000 Michael Lindberg Scholarship at Portland State University. Dawn is pursuing a Master of Urban and Regional Planning and a Graduate Certificate in Gerontology at Portland State University. Her focus of study is transportation planning, specifically how to improve the pedestrian infrastructure and connect it better with public transit to improve accessibility for all users. After she graduates, Dawn's goal is to be a Pedestrian Coordinator for a major city.

Christopher Earl Gray received a \$750 Forestry, Natural Resources Scholarship at Southwestern Oregon Community College. Christopher has a cumulative GPA of 3.36. Christopher plans to

transfer to OSU to pursue a Bachelor's degree in Forestry Management once he graduates from SWOCC. His goal is to obtain a position in forestry somewhere along the Oregon coast.

Branden Summers was awarded a \$1,500 Past Presidents Scholarship and a \$750 Civil Engineering Scholarship at Umpqua Community College. Branden has a GPA of 3.64. His long-term goals are to attain his B.S. in civil engineering and survey and to apply that to a career in land surveying. He would like to work for the Bureau of Land management to help establish and maintain our forestry boundaries and continue in the preservation of these lands for future generations.

Mia Greenshields received a \$3,000 Civil Engineering Scholarship at University of Portland. Mia has a GPA of 3.20. Mia is interested in the field of environmental and structural engineering. She wants to get a job where she can help people by designing and creating safe infrastructure that is environmentally friendly and cost efficient.

Simon DiRenzo earned a \$2,500 APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship at University of Portland. Simon has a GPA of 3.56. After graduating in the spring of 2024, Simon plans on going directly into the industry as a civil engineer. His plan is to obtain his PE licensure and use that to achieve a ranking position at a large firm. While it will be difficult to find work in a competitive job market, he is confident he will be able to differentiate himself through his work ethic and adaptability.