



The Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation awarded a total of 20 scholarships totaling \$36,000 for the 2024-2025 school year.

Since the Oregon APWA chapter started its scholarship program in 1981, 342 scholarships totaling \$535,200 has been awarded to students enrolled in a variety of public works academic disciplines, ranging from civil engineering to wastewater management. Scholarships also honor past Oregon public works leaders and serve to engage the members of Oregon APWA in supporting the next generation of public works professionals.

To learn more about the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation, contact Scholastic Committee co-chairs Caleb Cox and Todd Watkins at

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Meet the 2024-2025 Oregon APWA Scholars

CLACKAMAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Candidate: **Kao Seng Saechao**

Scholarship: **Dan Boss Drinking Water or Wastewater Scholarship**

Amount: **\$1000**

Kao's experience includes over 10 years of experience as a manager where they learned the art of "servant" leadership. Kao is active with the student chapter of the American Water Works Association as well as the local Phi Theta Kappa and Alpha Xi Zeta chapters. Kao is looking forward to a long-term goal of obtaining a Master of Public Administration in Natural Resource policy. Kao has a GPA of 3.87 and has been awarded other memorial scholarships as well as earning a spot on the Clackamas Community College President's Honors List. Kao also received a certificate of accomplishment for becoming a first-generation college degree recipient. Lastly, Kao received the Army Commendation medal for grit and motivation.

Candidate: **Kei-ani Hebert**

Scholarship: **Civil Engineering Transfer or GIS Scholarship**

Amount: **\$750**

Kei-ani has a well-rounded foundation in water and environmental technology combining practical skills with environmental responsibilities. They have been involved with a variety of technical activities including school and volunteer initiatives. Their solid GPA of 3.34 will support their goal of earning an Associate's Degree in Applied Science. Kei-ani has received the John Lewis Water and Environmental Technology Scholarship for 2023/2024 and has been recognized for their academic achievements for environmental protection.

GEORGE FOX UNIVERSITY

Candidate: **Madison Allhiser**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering Scholarship**
Amount: **\$3,000**

Madison is entering her senior year in the Civil Engineering program with a 3.75 GPA. In May 2024 she went to Ecuador with a team of students and professors to help build a water distribution system for a small village in the Andes. After graduating in 2025, Madison plans to apply for graduate school and is excited to continue her education in civil engineering, possibly concentrating on geotechnical or transportation engineering.

Candidate: **Ava Brawley**
Scholarship: **APAOEF Civil Engineering Scholarship**
Amount: **\$2,500**

Ava is entering her senior year in the Civil Engineering Program with a 2.98 GPA. Ava is looking forward to an internship in transportation engineering during the summer of 2024 and ultimately, she hopes to build a career where she can help create infrastructure that will benefit society.

OREGON INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

Candidate: **Caitlin McCall Lien**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering Scholarship**
Amount: **\$3,000**

Caitlin is entering her junior year in civil engineering at Oregon Institute of Technology with a 3.91 GPA. She completed an internship working with ODOT's land survey crews and is interested in continuing to pursue a career in transportation. Caitlin's goal is to contribute to her community, lead by example, and inspire other young women in the field so that they can see the difference engineers can make in our community.

Candidate: **Serena Moha**
Scholarship: **Dave Vargas Memorial Scholarship**
Amount: **\$500**

Serena is entering her senior year in civil engineering at Oregon Institute of Technology with a 4.0 GPA. She has held internships with ODOT and Clatsop County as well as serving as the treasurer for her local Institute of Transportation Engineers student chapter. Serena plans to attend graduate school for civil engineering and is excited to ultimately pursue a career in the transportation engineering field.

OREGON STATE UNIVERSITY

Candidate: **Alec Hankins**
Scholarship: **Kurt Corey Tribute Scholarship**
Amount: **\$2,000**

Alec is entering his junior year in the Civil Engineering program at Oregon State University with a 4.0 GPA. He has held internships with Oregon City Public works working on roadway maintenance and with Pacific Community Design performing various land survey tasks. Alec plans to attend graduate school and hopes to pursue a career in either structural, transportation, or geomatics.

Candidate: **Emily Sofia Dahbura**
Scholarship: **Environmental Engineering Schut Scholarship**
Amount: **\$1,500**

Emily is entering her junior year in the Civil Engineering Program at Oregon State University with a 3.95 GPA. She has been very involved in her ASCE student chapter and also served as a counselor at the Transportation Research and Education Center's summer camp helping to spark student's interest in Civil Engineering. Emily has applied to the CECOP program at OSU this year and hopes to make more connections with industry professionals through internship experiences.

Candidate: **Baird Quinn**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering Sustainability Ron Polvi Scholarship**
Amount: **\$1,500**

Baird is entering his senior year at Oregon State University pursuing dual degrees in Civil Engineering and Sustainability and has maintained a 3.99 GPA. He hopes to pursue a career that combines his two majors, likely in the area of geospatial analysis with a focus on finding better ways to manage our resources and serve the public. Baird is also the treasurer of the OSU Bird Nerds Club and has enjoyed the opportunity to organize events and practice his communications skills within the club.

Candidate: **Jason Bernal Azamar**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering Allen A. Alsing Scholarship**
Amount: **\$2,500**

Jason is entering his senior year in the Civil Engineering Program at Oregon State University with a 3.53 GPA. He is an active member of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPA) and also had a construction engineering internship with The Whiting-Turner Contracting Company. After finishing his undergraduate degree, Jason plans to pursue a master's degree with a focus on structural resiliency. Jason also received an APWA scholarship in 2023-2024 and he took advantage of the opportunity to attend the APWA 2024 Spring conference in Seaside Oregon where he networked with professional engineers from across the state.

Candidate: **Cole Mackenzie Hudnall**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering / Geomatics Scholarship**
Amount: **\$3,000**

Cole is entering his senior year in the Civil Engineering Program at Oregon State University with a 3.39 GPA. He has held surveying internships with AKS and Cascade Timber Consulting and is currently working in the OSU Geomatics Department as an undergrad research assistant completing lidar processing scans. In addition to Civil Engineering, Cole is working towards a minor in Geomatics and hopes to pursue a career in surveying.

PORTLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Candidate: **Rachel Cullen**
Scholarship: **Public Works Scholarship and Merle Langley Memorial Scholar**
Amount: **\$750 and \$1,000**

Rachel plans to graduate from PCC in June 2025 and currently holds a GPA of 3.35. Her long-term career aspirations include civil and construction engineering. She has recently achieved a certificate in Computer Aided Design and Drafting as well as passing the ADDA Professional Drafter Certification Examination which earned her the Mechanical Apprentice Drafter Certification which is valid through June 2028. Rachel also earned the Honors of President's List for three terms, the Dean's List and the Honors of Dean's List.

PORTLAND STATE UNIVERSITY

Candidate: **Hailey Smith**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering/Geomatics/Geotechnical Scholarship**
Amount: **\$3,000**

Hailey is entering her senior year in the Civil Engineering Program at Portland State University with a 3.4 GPA. She is involved in her ASCE student chapter and competed in the steel bridge competition as a member of the fabrication team. After completing her undergraduate degree, Hailey plans to pursue a master's degree in structural engineering. She is excited to shape the future of the industry and is deeply committed to applying her knowledge and skills to address infrastructure needs and promote sustainable development.

Candidate: **Alicia Antillon**
Scholarship: **APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship #1**
Amount: **\$2,500**

Alicia is entering her junior year in the Civil Engineering Program at Portland State University with a 2.7 GPA. She is actively involved in her ASCE student chapter and is also working on campus as a student ambassador for the Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science. Alicia has a passion for helping to shape the future world around us through innovative and sustainable solutions. Her goal is to become a licensed professional engineer and pursue a career in water resources.

Candidate: **Raffael Sagrillo**
Scholarship: **Veterans Scholarship**
Amount: **\$1,500**

Raffael is entering his junior year in the Civil Engineering Program at Portland State University with a 3.55 GPA. As a disabled Navy Veteran, Raffael has pushed through barriers to attend college and pursue career opportunities. He is excited to be in a career where he can shape the infrastructure of tomorrow and positively impact communities. Raffael is interested in transportation or water resources.

SOUTHWESTERN OREGON COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Candidate: **Blaise Pindell**
Scholarship: **Past Presidents Scholarship**
Amount: **\$1,500**

With a current GPA of 3.625, Blaise is no stranger to hard work having spent his childhood summers working on his grandfather's grass seed farm. More recently, he has

worked on a wildland firefighting crew for the past two summers, as well as assisting an arborist, logger and job shadows with an electrician, forester, fish hatchery manager, and timber cruiser. He has also volunteered at Philomath Fire & Rescue prior to his joining SWOCC. After SWOCC, Blaise plans to enter a four-year university such as Oregon State University or Idaho State University where he plans to pursue a career in forest/forest engineering.

Candidate: **Aimie Lee Bussmann**
Scholarship: **Forestry/Natural Resources Scholarship.**
Amount: **\$750**

Aimie is studying Forestry Management/Restoration and Fire Science and has a GPA of 3.12. Aimie plans to pursue a Natural Resources degree from Oregon State University after she completes her coursework at SWOCC.

UMPQUA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Candidate: **Anthony Di Stefano**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering Technology/Civil Engineering Transfer Scholarship**
Amount: **\$750**

Anthony is entering his second year at Umpqua Community College with a current 3.15 GPA. However, he expects that to increase since he is now a straight “A” student and will hopefully graduate from UCC with honors. Anthony has been around public works his whole life since his father was an Engineering Technician II for the city of Roseburg. Anthony aspires to pursue a civil engineering degree with the goal of obtaining his Professional Engineer’s license.

UNIVERSITY OF PORTLAND

Candidate: **Asher Gonzolez**
Scholarship: **Civil Engineering Scholarship**
Amount: **\$3,000**

Asher is entering his junior year in the Civil Engineering program at the University of Portland with a 3.85 GPA. He plans to take his studies abroad soon with the goal of learning more about the functionality of modern infrastructure. Asher is passionate about efficient and sustainable infrastructure and hopes to pursue a career in environmental engineering with a focus on reducing our impact on nature.