

MEET THE 2026-2027 **OREGON APWA SCHOLARS**



September 1, 2026

The Scholastic Foundation's Impact

Since the Oregon APWA chapter started its scholarship program in 1981, 363 scholarships totaling \$578,200 have been awarded to students enrolled in a variety of public works academic disciplines, ranging from civil engineering to wastewater management.

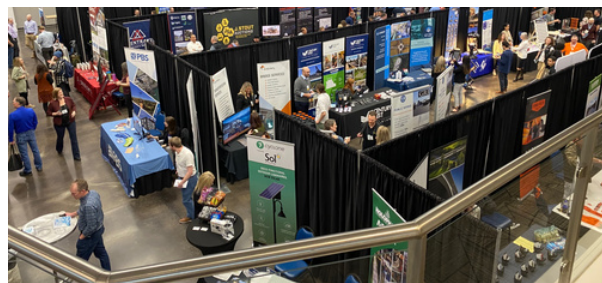
Scholarships also honor past Oregon public works leaders and serve to engage the members of Oregon APWA in supporting the next generation of public works professionals.

To learn more about the Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation, contact Scholastic Committee co-chairs **Caleb Cox and Todd Watkins** or visit the [Foundations website](#).

2026-2027 SCHOOL YEAR

The Oregon APWA Scholastic Foundation awarded a total of 22 scholarships totaling \$52,500 for the 2026 – 2027 school year.

To ensure every scholarship could be awarded, three were moved this year: the Veterans Scholarship shifted from the University of Portland to Oregon State University, and the Les Lyle Memorial and Dan Boss Drinking Water Scholarships were reallocated to Umpqua Community College after their original schools were unable to present candidates. The Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship, which went unawarded last year, was awarded this year as the committee had hoped.



Meet the Recipients

Joshua Antopina

Scholarship: APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship #1
Amount: \$2,500

Joshua is a senior studying Civil Engineering and Civil & Environmental Engineering. He has a GPA of 3.14. He would like to become a transportation engineer and return to Hawai'i to give back to the community that raised him.



Sean Brady

Scholarship: Civil Engineering Transfer or GIS Scholarship
Amount: \$2,500

Sean is studying for a Civil Engineering degree coupled with an associate's degree in Forest Engineering and has a GPA of 4.0. He doesn't intend to limit himself to a specific path but would like to find a niche in the engineering world or better yet, let it find him.



Ainsley Henry

Scholarship: Civil Engineering Scholarship
Amount: \$3,500

Ainsley is a senior studying Civil Engineering with a minor in Mathematics and Environmental Engineering. She has a GPA of 4.0. Eventually Ainsley would like to earn a Master and PhD in structural engineering to ultimately teach and continue the knowledge of forensic engineering.



Kolby Martin

Scholarship: Civil Engineering Scholarship
Amount: \$3,500

Kolby is a senior studying civil engineering and has a 4.0 GPA. Kolby wants to explore Structural Engineering or Water Resources fields in addition to pursuing a Professional Engineering Certificate.



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Tess McCauley

Scholarship: Ron Polvi Civil Engineering Sustainability Scholarship
Amount: \$1,500

Tess is a senior studying Civil Engineering and has a 3.74 GPA. Tess's goals include working for a company that has a focus in the renewable energy sector, specializing in sustainable infrastructure and renewable energy products.



Oregon State
University

Oliver Mertz

Scholarship: Kurt Corey Tribute Scholarship
Amount: \$2,000

Oliver is a junior studying Civil Engineering and has a 4.0 GPA. Oliver's goals include graduating with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering then working as a transportation engineer for a public agency in Oregon.



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University

Meryama Moukddad

Scholarship: Civil and Construction Engineering Technology Scholarship
Amount: \$2,500

Meryama is studying Civil and Construction Technology and has a 4.0 GPA. Meryama's goals include working as a CAD technician or drafter.



Portland
Community
College®



Paige Victoria Ogden

Scholarship: Civil Engineering Allen A. Alsing Scholarship
Amount: \$5,000

Paige is a junior studying Civil Engineering and has a 3.96 GPA. Paige would like to become a Professional Engineer in civil engineering, and plans to work as an engineer focusing on storm water systems and transportation.



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University

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LianHua Parr

Scholarship: Michael Lindberg Scholarship

Amount: \$1,000

LianHua is a graduate student studying Public Administration and has a 4.0 GPA. LianHua intends to use the knowledge from the Master of Public Administration degree to improve labor relations for public works staff.



Ryan Petersen

Scholarship: Civil Engineering Technology or Civil Engineering Transfer Scholarship

Amount: \$2,500

Ryan is a senior studying Civil Engineering specializing in surveying and GIS. He has a GPA of 3.70. He plans to find work in either timber or construction as a surveyor.



Peyton Pierce

Scholarship: Dave Vargas Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Peyton is a junior studying Civil Engineering and has a 3.404 GPA. Peyton would like to build a career designing and improving public infrastructure such as roads and transportation systems.



Josh Popham

Scholarship: Veterans Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Josh is a senior studying Construction Engineering Management and has a 3.2 GPA. Josh's long term goal is to become a construction project manager eventually moving into senior leadership.



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Andrew Rathbun

Scholarship: Civil Engineering/Geomatics/Geotechnical Scholarship
Amount: \$3,500

Andrew is a senior studying Civil Engineering and has a 3.85 GPA. Andrew's goals include a master's degree in Geotechnical Engineering after a bachelor's degree. Career goals are advancing regional understanding of the effects of earthquakes on building foundations and soil liquefaction.



Devon Rollins

Scholarship: Merle Langley Memorial Scholarship
Amount: \$1,500

Devon is working toward a degree in Civil and Construction Engineering Technologies and has a GPA of 3.52. Devon's long term goals include working toward a leadership position.



Henry Starbuck

Scholarship: Dan Boss Drinking Water or Wastewater Scholarship
Amount: \$1,500

Henry is studying Water Quality Treatment within Engineering and has a GPA of 3.86. His goal is to obtain a job in the water quality field.



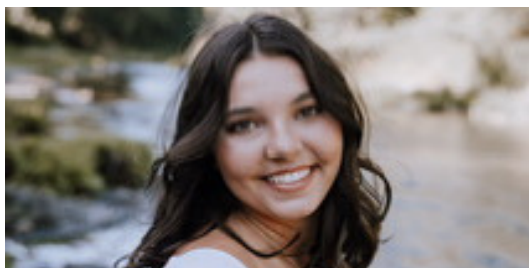
Lindsay Anne Tellegen

Scholarship: APAOEF/APWA Civil Engineering Scholarship #2
Amount: \$2,500

Lindsay is a senior studying Civil Engineering and has a 3.26 GPA. Lindsay plans to build a career in transportation and public works, contributing to infrastructure that serves communities long term.



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Olivia Thompson

Scholarship: Environmental Engineering Schut Scholarship
Amount: \$2,000

Olivia is a junior studying Civil Engineering and has a 3.80 GPA. Olivia wants to become a licensed civil and structural engineer with a background in geomatic engineering.



**Penelope Jean
Waldrop**

Scholarship: Forestry/Natural Resources Scholarship
Amount: \$2,000

Penelope is a junior pursuing a degree in Forestry Management, and has a GPA of 3.523. Her goal is to build a career in forestry where she can help manage healthy forests, prevent wildfires and protect natural resources for future generations.



Henry Weber

Scholarship: Civil Engineering / Geomatics Scholarship
Amount: \$3,500

Henry is a junior studying Civil Engineering with a minor in Geomatics. He has a 3.87 GPA. Henry's goal is to work in transportation and geomatics, applying GIS and surveying knowledge to improve infrastructure planning.



**Yasmine Alicia
Wildman**

Scholarship: Civil Engineering Scholarship
Amount: \$3,500

Yasmine is a junior studying Civil Engineering and has a 3.77 GPA. Yasmine wants to become a transportation engineer working on projects in rural areas.



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Bethany Lynn Wilkes

Scholarship: Past Presidents Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Bethany is a junior studying civil engineering and has a 3.904 GPA. Bethany's goal is to become a civil engineer focused on improving waterways and providing reliable access to clean water for underserved communities and drought-prone areas.



Ronald Woodruff

Scholarship: Les Lyle Memorial Scholarship

Amount: \$1,500

Ronald is studying Water Quality Treatment within Engineering and has a 3.90 GPA. He would like to become a certified water treatment operator and advance in public works.

