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RE: Scholarships

I am proud to introduce the 2026 Scholarship Program, an initiative designed to invest in the future of public works by supporting students across both academic and technical pathways. This program reflects our commitment to building a strong, diverse workforce by removing barriers to entry and recognizing the vital role that education, training, and hands-on experience play in shaping the next generation of industry leaders.

Public Works is the backbone of our communities, and the demand for skilled, passionate professionals continues to grow. Through this scholarship program, we aim to support individuals pursuing careers in fields such as engineering, construction management, public administration, surveying, and the skilled trades ensuring that our workforce reflects both the technical expertise and dedication required to serve the public effectively.

This program is intentionally designed to be inclusive, offering opportunities for those enrolled in undergraduate and graduate programs, as well as individuals pursuing technical and trade education. By broadening eligibility, we are aligning our efforts with the evolving needs of the industry and reinforcing our commitment to workforce development at all levels.

Scholarship awards of up to **\$5,000** will be made available to qualified applicants, with selections based on a combination of career goals, commitment to public works, relevant experience, academic or technical achievement, and financial need. Our goal is not only to provide financial assistance, but to recognize and encourage those who demonstrate a strong desire to make a meaningful impact in their communities.

We encourage all eligible students and trainees with an interest in public works to apply and take advantage of this opportunity. Additionally, we extend our sincere appreciation to our partners and sponsors whose continued support makes programs like this possible and strengthens our shared mission.

Together, we are investing in the future of public works one student, one opportunity, and one community at a time.

Online Scholarship application is due **Friday May 22nd** see attached sheet for full details. If you have any questions, please contact me at jvalles@cvlci.com or phone (602) 285-4804.

Sincerely,

Juan Valles
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APWA Scholarship Committee



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Purpose

The APWA Arizona Scholarship Program is established to support and invest in the next generation of public works professionals. This program reflects the Association's commitment to workforce development by providing financial assistance to students pursuing careers in public works through academic and technical pathways.

Eligibility

Applicants must meet the following criteria,

Be enrolled in or accepted to one of the following:

- Technical or trade program
- Undergraduate program (2-year or 4-year)
- Graduate program

Be pursuing a field related to public works

(e.g., engineering, construction management, public administration, surveying, or skilled trades)

Undergraduate and graduate applicants must have a minimum GPA of **2.5**

Submit a completed application, including essay and supporting materials

Award Structure

Scholarships will be awarded in amounts of up to \$5,000 per recipient.

The number and distribution of awards will be determined annually based on:

- Available funding
- Number and quality of applicants
- Awards may be distributed across multiple pathways (academic and technical) at the discretion of the selection committee

Application & Evaluation Process

Applicants will complete a standardized application that includes:

- Educational and program information
- Work experience and community involvement
- A description of career goals and interest in public works
- Supporting documentation (resume, transcript or program verification)

Applications will be evaluated using a scoring rubric (95-point scale) that considers:

- Career goals and alignment with public works
- Relevant experience and commitment
- Academic achievement (for degree-seeking students) or technical readiness (for trade applicants)
- Financial need
- Overall application quality

Applicants will be reviewed within their selected educational pathway to ensure equitable evaluation.

Link to Scholarship Application form:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nNRpKzF48U68IbXpIHNRp4S7S_JjkeNMigSmKwI42uNUOEdKMzNSM05JS0I3N0hJM0tLRTI3MVhKTC4u

Link to upload supporting documents:

https://cvlinc-my.sharepoint.com/:f/g/personal/juanv_cvlci_com/IgBJDhhrDGuvSr1scCWJN8mFAYjLPHMfncvLn9mdTeXW7Ao

Selection Committee

The scholarship recipients will be selected by a committee appointed by the APWA Scholarship Committee.

The committee will review and score applications independently using the approved rubric

Final award recommendations will be submitted to the Board for approval.

Program Impact

This scholarship program expands access to careers in public works by recognizing both traditional academic routes and skilled technical pathways, supporting a diverse and sustainable workforce aligned with the mission of APWA.