



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF OREGON

Senior Scholarship Application Information (2022-2023)

About ACE: The ACE Mentor Program is an after-school program designed to inspire high school students to pursue careers in architecture, construction management, and construction-related engineering. ACE opens students' minds to the possibilities available to them in these careers by engaging them to work in teams on design projects with professional architects, construction managers, and engineers.

The ACE Mentor Program strives to increase opportunities for students to pursue education and careers in the fields of architecture, construction management, construction-related engineering, and skilled crafts.

Scholarships: Seniors currently enrolled in the program who plan to pursue an ACE-related field of study (see page 3) are eligible to apply. The application is a competitive process. Scholarship funds are disbursed directly to the educational institution. All funds must be used within seven years of the recipient's graduation from high school. See **Terms of Scholarship** for full details.

Eligibility: Candidates for the ACE Mentor Program's Scholarship Program must currently be participating in the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon AND plan to pursue full time, or near full time, a two or four-year undergraduate degree or certification related to architecture, construction management or construction-related engineering, skilled crafts or a directly related field as approved by the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon Board of Directors.

Selection Process: The Scholarship Committee of the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon will evaluate all applications and consider the strength of the application and student essays; the student's participation in the Program; demonstrated interest in careers related to architecture, construction, construction management, or construction-related engineering; letter of recommendation by their teacher or counselor; team leader evaluation; academic performance; and potential impact of an ACE scholarship on the student's financial situation and increased diversity in the ACE workforce.

Application process: THIS IS A **FOUR-PART** APPLICATION. **All parts are due by the deadline.**

- ✓ Online application, including essays
- ✓ School transcript
- ✓ Mentor Evaluation form
- ✓ Teacher or counselor letter of recommendation

The student is responsible for completing and submitting their scholarship application online by **8:00 PM, April 7, 2023.**



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Applicants must submit the following materials online by logging into your ACE account at app.acementor.org. If you need assistance with the online application, please contact Ren: ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org.

1. **Online Application**, including essays. Candidates will be asked to share educational information, activities and honors. The online application includes four essay questions.
2. **A letter of recommendation** from a teacher or counselor who is familiar with your talents and interests in architecture, construction management, or construction-related engineering. Please be sure to give the person recommending you enough time to write a recommendation prior to the deadline. Upload the letter online to your application or have them email it to ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org with the subject line: ACE Senior Scholarship Letter of Recommendation [First Name, Last Name].
3. **Academic Transcript**. Obtain an academic transcript from your high school. Speak with your school counselor for additional support. Upload the file to your online application or email it to ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org with the subject line: ACE Senior Scholarship School Transcript [First Name, Last Name].
4. **A Mentor Evaluation** from your team leader. Please ask your leader for a recommendation and give your leader enough time to complete the evaluation and submit the form prior to the deadline. The Mentor Evaluation Form is attached at the end of this packet. The leaders will be sent an evaluation form by ACE and must be submitted directly to: ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org with the subject line: ACE Senior Scholarship Mentor Evaluation [First Name, Last Name].

Essay Response Topics

Review the topics below and write an essay for each of them. The essays must be entered directly into the online application. It is recommended that you write your answers in a separate program and cut and paste into your online application. **Be sure to check your word count before submitting.**

1. Describe the impact the design and construction industries have on our society. Why are these professions so important? (*suggested 100 words minimum, 300 words maximum*)
2. Which field (Architecture, Construction, Construction-related engineering or related field) do you wish to enter and why? Were you planning a career in this field before starting the ACE Program or did ACE help steer you in that direction? Please explain how and why. (*suggested 600 words maximum*)
3. Describe your experience with your ACE mentors. What was the most valuable lesson you learned from your time with the ACE Mentor Program? How has this experience affected your education path? (*suggested 600 words maximum*)
4. What would this scholarship mean to you and your family? Please share any information about your personal impact or your financial need.
5. What else would you like to share with the Scholarship Committee? You may explain any external pressures that you have had to balance school, work, family and the ACE program; or other relevant information. (*suggested 100 words maximum*)
6. Briefly describe your next steps after high school after high school. (*100 words maximum*)



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ACE-Related Fields of Study: Most Common

Architecture

- Architecture
- Landscape Architecture
- Interior Architecture
- Interior Design
- Urban Planning

Construction

- Construction Management
- Construction Science
- Skilled Crafts Training

Engineering (Construction Related)

- Architectural Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Construction Engineering
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Structural Engineering

SCHOLARSHIP FAQs

I plan to pursue an ACE field but am not yet sure of my chosen specialty. Is that OK?

Yes. For example, you might list “engineering” as your chosen major as an incoming freshman and take multiple engineering-related classes, then specify “civil engineering” later on.

What if I want to take a few ACE-related classes in college but intend to pursue another field? Scholarships granted by the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon are to support students who plan to study and pursue careers in an ACE field related to build, design and construction.

What if my career goals change along the way? Will this affect my scholarship? Scholarships are awarded in four payments. Scholarship recipients apply annually to ACE to request a disbursement and verify enrollment and field of study. Students who switch to a field unrelated to an ACE field of study should expect to forfeit any remaining scholarship amount.

What if I have a special circumstance regarding my education? ACE recognizes that special circumstances do occur. You may share those circumstances with ACE and explain, with supporting documentation, how you intend to pursue an ACE-related career. Students should be aware that it is their responsibility to maintain and document their eligibility. Typically, ACE will not approve scholarship disbursement requests for educational paths that fall outside traditional ACE fields.



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Terms of Scholarship

If you are selected for the scholarship, you will be expected to uphold these required terms of agreement. Please read the following terms carefully:

If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be required to sign and return a copy the “Terms of Scholarship” agreeing to the following terms:

1. I understand that it is my responsibility to annually submit a disbursement form (available online) completed by both me and the college, apprenticeship or training program and a copy of my transcript or other proof of enrollment in order to receive each disbursement.
2. I understand one-fourth of my total scholarship will be paid once per year while I am in school over installments as long as I comply with all other terms.
3. I must be in good academic standing in order to receive disbursements.
4. I understand that I must apply for the first disbursement of my scholarship within two years of graduating high school or the scholarship will be forfeited.
5. I understand that once the first installment of the scholarship is disbursed, I must apply for the remaining funds within the next five years or the remaining funds will be forfeited.
6. I understand that I must use the full amount of the scholarship within seven years of graduating from high school, or the remaining funds will be forfeited.
7. I understand disbursements are available to me if I am enrolled in or studying an eligible field covered by this scholarship, which includes: architecture, construction, construction-related engineering, and directly related disciplines approved on a case-to-case basis by the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon. If I change my major and do not pursue a field covered by this scholarship, I will forfeit my scholarship.
8. I understand changing schools will not affect my scholarship if I comply with all other terms.

A drop in virtual Q&A with Program Manager, Ren Lum, will be held on Friday, March 31st
4:00-5:00 pm.



THE ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF OREGON

2022-2023 Confidential ACE Mentor Evaluation of Scholarship Applicant

Deadlines to Submit:

Junior Summer Camp: 4/12/2023 8:00 PM | **Senior Scholarship:** 4/7/2023 8:00 PM

Student First and Last Name:

Mentor First and Last Name:

Scholarship being applied to: ACE Junior Summer Camp Scholarship | ACE Oregon Senior Scholarship

<i>If a statement accurately describes a student, award the student the "maximum" possible number of points for that item.</i>	<i>Maximum Possible</i>	<i>Score</i>
PARTICIPATION		
1. The student communicates with mentors about availability and was committed, engaged and made an effort to participate. Comments: _____ _____	3	
2. The student comes prepared, brings new ideas or extra materials to most sessions.	5	
3. The student actively contributes to the project.	5	
APTITUDE		
4. The student demonstrates a commitment to the project.	5	
5. The student demonstrates an interest in the ACE disciplines.	5	
6. The student works well with teammates and mentors.	5	
7. The student demonstrates the potential to work in an ACE career.	4	
CHARACTER		
8. The student demonstrates initiative and/or is willing to accept new challenges.	5	
9. The student demonstrates an ability to lead and/or be a collaborative team member (<i>the student supports and shares ideas with teammates</i>)	5	
TOTAL SCORE:	42	

Additional Comments: *(This is very important to the Executive and Scholarship Committee):*

I **Highly Recommend** | **Recommend** | **Don't Recommend** this student for a scholarship.

Signature: **Team #:** **Date:**

Contact information for follow up (Email/Phone):

RETURN FORM TO *(printed/scanned, and electronic forms are welcome):* ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org