



ACE MENTOR PROGRAM OF OREGON

Senior Scholarship Application Information (2024)

About ACE

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

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 trades.

ACE Oregon's Local Senior 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** (page 5) 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 training certification, related to architecture, construction management or construction-related engineering, skilled trades 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 or ACE recommendation form by their teacher or counselor; mentor evaluation; academic effort; and potential impact of an ACE scholarship on the student's financial situation and inclusiveness in the ACE workforce.

Application Process

This is a four-part application. **All parts are due by the deadline: April 12, 2024.**

1. Online application through the [ACE National Database](#), including essays
2. Unofficial School Transcript
3. Mentor Evaluation Form
4. Educator Letter of Recommendation or Recommendation Form

The student is responsible for making sure all documents and the application are submitted by **April 12, 2024.**



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Submitting Applications

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 ACE Staff: ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org with "ACE Senior Scholarship" in the subject line. All documents and files submitted must include the applicants first and last name. All documents should be uploaded to the ACE Database application. In the event they can't be uploaded, send documents directly to ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org.

1. **Online Application**, including essays. Candidates will be asked to share educational information, activities and honors. The online application includes six short response questions.
 2. **Academic Transcript**. Obtain an academic transcript from your high school. Speak with your school counselor for additional support.
 3. **A Mentor Evaluation** from any of your mentors. It is crucial that you give your mentor enough time to complete the evaluation and submit the form prior to the deadline. **It is recommended that you request an evaluation at least 2 weeks prior to the scholarship deadline.** The Mentor Evaluation Form is attached at the end of this packet and is [available online](#). Mentors are to submit evaluations by emailing them directly to ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org.
 4. **A Letter of Recommendation or Recommendation Form** from a teacher or counselor who is familiar with your talents and interests in architecture, construction management, the skilled trades, or construction-related engineering. Please be sure to give the person recommending you enough time to write a recommendation prior to the deadline. The Recommendation Form is [available online](#). Students can upload the letter or recommendation form online to your application or the educator can email it directly to ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org.
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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. You can check your [word count](#) before submitting.

1. 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. *(250 words or about 3 paragraph maximum)*
2. Describe the impact you want to have in the design and construction industry. *(250 words or about 3 paragraph maximum)*
3. Describe your experience with your ACE mentors and peer student team. What was the most valuable lesson you learned during your time with the ACE Mentor Program? How has this experience affected your future plan? *(250 words or about 3 paragraph maximum)*
4. What would this scholarship mean to you and your family? Please share any information about personal impact or financial need. *(250 words or about 3 paragraph maximum)*
5. How do you see yourself contributing toward ACE's goal to make the industry more diverse, inclusive and reflective of the broader community? *(250 words or about 3 paragraph maximum)*
6. Briefly describe your next steps after high school. *(100 words or about 1 paragraph maximum)*

ACE-Related Most Common Fields of Study

Architecture

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

Construction

- Construction Management
- Construction Science
- Skilled Trades Training

Engineering (Construction Related)

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



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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.

Senior Scholarship Application Walkthrough: March 20th, 2024 4:00-5:00 pm

Open Drop in Office Hours: March 27th 4:00-5:00 pm & April 3rd 4:30-5:30 pm

[Deadline to Apply: April 12, 2024](#)

[Notification of Recipients: Finals - May 14 & May 16, 2024](#)

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Terms of Scholarship

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 or training 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.
9. I understand that I must attend a Scholarship Disbursement Workshop or meet with the ACE Program Manager to review the disbursement process and to learn the scholarship award amount.

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