



ACE Mentor Program of Oregon Scholarship Application Information for 2019-20 Updated 3/16/2020

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. Since 1994, ACE has been opening students' minds to the possibilities available to them in these careers by engaging them in in-depth design projects with professional architects, construction managers, and engineers. By working with the mentors at their offices and in the classroom, students are able to see and experience firsthand the world of the building design-and-construction professional.

At the ACE Mentor Program, we strive to increase opportunities for students to pursue education and careers in the fields of architecture, construction management, and construction-related engineering.

Scholarships: We are excited to award scholarships to selected seniors enrolled in the program who plan to pursue an ACE-related major (see page 3). The scholarship funds will be 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, an undergraduate degree related to architecture, construction management or construction-related engineering, or a directly related field as approved by the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon Board of Directors.

Selection Criteria: The Scholarship Committee of the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon will evaluate all applications and consider each student's participation in the Program; demonstrated interest in careers related to architecture, construction management, or construction-related engineering; ~~recommendation by their teacher or counselor~~; Team Mentor evaluation; academic performance; and potential impact of an ACE scholarship.

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

- ✓ Online application, including essays
- ✓ School transcript
- ✓ Mentor evaluation

The student is responsible for completing and submitting their scholarship application online by **8:00 PM, April 17, 2020**



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Scholarship Application Process

All parts due: **April 17, 2020 at 8 PM**

Applicants must submit the following materials online at app.acementor.org. If you need assistance with the online application, please contact Kari: 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.

~~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.~~

2. **Academic Transcript**. Obtain an academic transcript from your high school. Upload the file to your online application or email it to ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org.

3. **A Mentor Evaluation Form** from your Team Captain. Please be sure to give your Captain enough time to complete the evaluation and submit the form prior to the deadline. The mentor evaluation form must be submitted by the mentor to: ace@portlandworkforcealliance.org.

Essay 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.

1. Describe the impact the design and construction industries have on our society. Why are these professions so important? (suggested 250 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 directions? If so, how/why? Also, please tell us your top three schools for your future education. (suggested 500 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 path to college? (suggested 500 words maximum)
4. If you received this scholarship, what would it mean to you and your family?

Optional question - Is there anything else you wish to share with the Scholarship Committee?

NOTE: Scholarships are for students who plan to study ACE-related fields. If your intended college major is not one of the listed ACE-related fields, please review all scholarship terms. You may also use the "optional question" space and answer this question: How do your college-and-career goals directly relate to and benefit the design and construction industries?



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ACE-Related Fields of Study: Most Common Majors

Architecture

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

Construction

- Construction Management
- Construction Science

Construction Related-Engineering

- 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 “structural engineering” later on.

What if I want to take a few ACE-related classes in college but intend to pursue another field?

College scholarships granted by the ACE Mentor Program of Oregon are intended 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 when requesting a disbursement. Students who switch majors must notify ACE. Students switching to a major unrelated to an ACE field should expect to forfeit any remaining scholarship amount.

What if I have a special circumstance regarding my major?

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 majors that fall outside traditional ACE fields.



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Terms of Scholarship

Congratulations on your effort to apply for an ACE Mentor Program of Oregon Scholarship. 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, 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 four 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 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 colleges will not affect my scholarship if I comply with all other terms.