



## CBC INNOVATION & SUSTAINABILITY SCHOLARSHIP

### CALL FOR APPLICANTS – CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT MAJORS

The Connecticut Building Congress Scholarship Fund is pleased to announce that we will award scholarships of \$2,500 each in June 2026 to up to three (3) candidates who are pursuing a degree in Construction Management at a college or university accredited by the American Council for Construction Education.

This scholarship supports Connecticut students pursuing a Construction Management degree, who are passionate about driving innovation and/or advancing sustainable building practices. Recipients will be selected for their vision to shape a more efficient, resilient, and environmentally responsible construction industry.

This scholarship opportunity is open to rising juniors and seniors who are residents of the State of Connecticut.

Candidates shall provide a brief essay of 500 to 750 words in response to this prompt:

As a future Construction Manager, you will be faced with balancing project constraints (budget, schedule, quality) against the critical need for more sustainable building practices. You will be responsible for innovating to improve efficiencies; in labor time, material/equipment costs, and/or reducing environmental impacts.

**Identify an innovative process, technology, or material** (e.g., AI, advanced BIM, modular construction, carbon-neutral materials) that you believe could help redefine sustainable construction in the next decade.

Outline how you would implement this innovation on construction project sites to enhance efficiencies while reducing environmental impacts. Discuss the potential challenges in implementation, and how you would overcome them to convince stakeholders.

The CBC Scholarship Fund Board of Directors shall review all essay submissions. Selection will be based on a combination of the essay quality and financial need.

Application Submission Deadline is April 15, 2026.

Applications are available for download from the Connecticut Building Congress website at [https://cbc-ct.org/cbc\\_scholarship/](https://cbc-ct.org/cbc_scholarship/).



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## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_

MAJOR: CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT  
OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_

ANTICIPATED GRADUATION: \_\_\_\_\_  
(MONTH/YEAR)

### ESSAY

***AS A FUTURE CONSTRUCTION MANAGER, YOU WILL NEED TO BALANCE PROJECT CONSTRAINTS SUCH AS BUDGET, SCHEDULE, AND QUALITY WITH THE GROWING DEMAND FOR MORE SUSTAINABLE BUILDING PRACTICES. INNOVATION WILL PLAY A KEY ROLE IN IMPROVING EFFICIENCIES, WHETHER IN LABOR PRODUCTIVITY, MATERIAL AND EQUIPMENT COSTS, OR REDUCING ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT. IN YOUR ESSAY, YOU SHOULD:***

1. IDENTIFY AN INNOVATIVE PROCESS, TECHNOLOGY, OR MATERIAL (E.G., AI, ADVANCED BIM, MODULAR CONSTRUCTION, CARBON-NEUTRAL MATERIALS) THAT COULD HELP REDEFINE SUSTAINABLE CONSTRUCTION IN THE NEXT DECADE.
2. EXPLAIN HOW YOU WOULD IMPLEMENT THIS INNOVATION ON A CONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO IMPROVE EFFICIENCY AND REDUCE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS.
3. DISCUSS POTENTIAL CHALLENGES IN IMPLEMENTATION AND HOW YOU WOULD OVERCOME THEM TO GAIN STAKEHOLDER SUPPORT.

*YOUR ESSAY SHOULD RANGE FROM 500 TO 750 WORDS.*

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ESSAY (CONTINUED)

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**PLEASE APPEND YOUR 2026-27 FAFSA SUBMISSION FORM TO THIS APPLICATION.**

I ACKNOWLEDGE DECISIONS OF THE CONNECTICUT BUILDING CONGRESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND ARE FINAL. I CERTIFY THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED IS COMPLETE AND ACCURATE TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE. I ALSO CERTIFY THAT THE ESSAY CONTAINED HEREIN WAS CREATED BY ME AND WAS NOT GENERATED BY AI. IF REQUESTED, I AGREE TO PROVIDE PROOF OF INFORMATION I HAVE GIVEN IN THIS APPLICATION.

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E-SIGNATURE

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DATE

PLEASE EMAIL THE COMPLETED APPLICATION, INCLUDING THE FAFSA SUBMISSION FORM, TO:

**[TomD@DiBlasi-ENGRS.COM](mailto:TomD@DiBlasi-ENGRS.COM)**

[TYPE ***CBCSF-CM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION*** IN THE SUBJECT LINE]

*YOUR APPLICATION AND ALL REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY APRIL 15, 2026. APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AFTER THAT DATE MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED. INCORRECT OR INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS MAY NOT BE CONSIDERED. PLEASE PROOFREAD YOUR APPLICATION BEFORE MAILING.*

*ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THIS APPLICATION MAY BE DOWNLOADED FROM THE CONNECTICUT BUILDING CONGRESS WEBSITE AT [HTTPS://CBC-CT.ORG/CBC SCHOLARSHIP/](https://cbc-ct.org/cbc_scholarship/).*