

**ACEC NEW YORK COMMUNITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP
APPLICATION GUIDELINES**

For students pursuing a career in consulting engineering

Each portion of the application has been assigned a specific point value. Judges will score each portion separately. It is important to be as complete as possible in filling out this application. Finalists will be selected in February 2027 on the basis of the information contained on the application.

The point allotment for each part of the application is as follows:

Work Experience: 20 points (Online Form)

On the online application, please list your most recent work experience first, including any positions held during high school. Include the dates of employment for each job and describe the primary business of each employer. Please specifically identify any consulting engineering or surveying firms.

College Activities: 15 points (Online Form)

When completing the online application form, please list all extracurricular activities, including any leadership positions held in organizations.

Recommendations: 15 points (Online Recommendation Form)

Students are required to submit one recommendation. This should come from an individual familiar with the student's academic or professional potential, such as the Dean of Engineering, Department Chair, Academic Advisor, or an Engineering Professor

Essay: 30 points

Essay should be approximately 350 words in length and should be typed in Arial 12-point font. Points may be lost for poor grammar and incorrect spelling – proofread carefully. Your essay should reflect your own experiences, goals, and voice. AI tools may be used for proofreading or improving clarity, but the essay itself should be your own work. **Essays that are fully or substantially AI-generated will not be considered.**

See page 2 for prompts.

Cumulative Grade Point Average: 25 points

Must be based on a certified transcript, a copy of which must be provided to complete application.

Applicant must be a U.S. Citizen or a U.S. Resident and intend to make New York State their home and/or career area.

Upon notification of award, students must provide a headshot photo (does not have to be professionally done) in jpeg format or risk losing their award. This photo will be used in scholarship promotional materials.

ESSAY

This is your opportunity to share your unique story. Craft a concise essay, roughly 350 words in length, in Arial 12-point font, focusing on one of the three prompts provided. Please send your essay to erica@acecny.org by January 8, 2027, to be considered for the engineering scholarship.

1. **Passion for Engineering:** Describe the moment or experience that ignited your passion for engineering. How has this passion influenced your educational and career choices? Explain why you are committed to pursuing a career as a consulting engineer in New York and how your enthusiasm will drive your success in the field.
2. **Innovation in Engineering:** Innovation is at the core of engineering progress. Discuss a specific technological advancement or innovative project that has inspired you. Explain how you plan to contribute to innovation within the consulting engineering industry, especially in New York, and the impact you hope to achieve through your innovative solutions.
3. **Community Impact:** Engineering projects have a significant impact on communities. Describe a community-based initiative or project you've been involved in, highlighting the positive changes it brought to the community. Explain how you intend to use your consulting engineering career to continue making a positive impact on New York State communities.

SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION

Please provide a single recommendation from a non-personal reference. Ideal candidates should be affiliated with your current Community College and may include a Dean, Department Chair, Professor, or another individual capable of assessing and articulating your qualifications and suitability for ACEC New York's scholarship.

The recommendation form can be found on ACEC New York's website. Please share the following link with your reference: <https://acecny.org/page/ScholarshipRecForm-CC>

ACEC New York encourages students to contact their potential references early in the semester and provide them with the link to the online form. Please note that all references must be submitted by January 8, 2027.

COLLEGE TRANSCRIPTS

Please arrange for your official college transcripts to be sent electronically to erica@acecny.org. If you have attended multiple colleges, kindly submit transcripts from each institution.