

R.H. Thomson Memorial Scholarship Program

2026 Scholarship Application

American Society of Civil Engineers — Seattle Section

Established 1993 | To Recognize and Encourage Promising Students in Civil Engineering

About This Scholarship

The ASCE Seattle Section has established this scholarship in memory of R.H. Thomson, an outstanding engineer and significant contributor to the development of the City of Seattle. The program recognizes, encourages, and assists promising students who have expressed interest in pursuing a career in civil engineering.

Award Amount: One (1) \$5,000 scholarship will be awarded. One (1) minor award of \$1,000 may be awarded for an exceptional runner-up.

Eligibility Requirements

Candidates must be an enrolled student in good standing as ONE of the following in the 2025-2026 academic year:

- A high school senior at a high school within the nine-county ASCE Seattle Section area*, OR
- A student at a community college within the state of Washington, OR
- A freshman, sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student at an ABET-accredited college or university offering civil engineering degrees

AND must meet ALL of the following:

- Demonstrated intent to pursue a Bachelor's or Master of Science in Civil Engineering (including structural, environmental, or hydraulic engineering)
- Permanent residence (home at time of high school graduation) within the nine-county ASCE Seattle Section area
- U.S. citizenship

** Nine-county area includes: San Juan, Whatcom, Skagit, Snohomish, Island, Clallam, Jefferson, Kitsap, and King counties.*

Timeline & Submission

Application Deadline	July 31, 2026
Recipient Announced	August 2026
Submit To	Online form and Dropbox .

Application Requirements

A complete application must include all of the following:

- Completed [Online](#) Application Form
 - Three short answers (100–150 words each) addressing: Career Goals, Work/Educational/Life Experience, and School Activities
- Upload the following into [Dropbox](#)
 - A current resume addressing eligibility criteria, cumulative GPA(s) for all high school and college courses, and a brief summary of work experience and extracurricular activities
 - Letters of recommendation from two (2) sponsors who are faculty members, registered Professional Engineers, or Engineers-In-Training — based on personal knowledge of the candidate's potential as an engineer
- Please title the files RHTHOMPSONSCHOLARSHIP_LASTNAME_FIRSTNAME_FILE.pdf
 - Example: RHThompsonScholarship_Jane_Doe_HighschoolTranscript.pdf

Application fields have been provided on the next page as a reference. ASCE will **not** accept emailed submissions. Please use the online [form](#) and [Dropbox](#).

Application Scoring

Category	Points
Grade Point Average	15
Recommendations	30
Career Goal	15
Work, Education, or Life Experiences	20
School Activities	20
Total	100

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2026 Scholarship Application Elements

Submit via online [form](#) and [Dropbox](#) by 11:59 pm, July 31, 2026

Section 1: Candidate Information

Full Name

Date of Birth

Phone Number

Email Address:

Current Permanent Address

Address at Time of High School Graduation:

U.S. Citizenship: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Section 2: Education Information

Class Standing in 2025-2026 academic year

☐ HS Senior ☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Graduate

High School Name

High School GPA

College/University Name

College GPA

Section 3: Sponsor Information (Two Required)

Sponsors must be faculty members, registered Professional Engineers, or Engineers-In-Training.

1st Sponsor Name

Phone Number

Email

2nd Sponsor Name

Phone Number

Email

Section 4: Short Answers (100–150 Words Each)

Career Goals

Describe your career goals and explain why you are pursuing a career in civil engineering. (100–150 words)

Work, Educational, or Life Experience

Describe your relevant work, educational, or life experiences. (100–150 words)

School Activities

Describe your school activities and any special awards or leadership roles. (100–150 words)

Checklist — For Committee Use Only

Item	Yes	No	Score
Form Completed	☐	☐	–
Attached Resume	☐	☐	–
Attached High School Transcript	☐	☐	–
Attached College Transcript	☐	☐	–
Letters of Recommendation	☐	☐	–
Grade Point Average (max points)			15
Recommendations (max points)			30
Career Goal (max points)			15
Work, Education, or Life Experiences (max points)			20
School Activities (max points)			20
Total Score	/ 100		