



2026 Construction Industry Education Foundation Scholarship Application

The Construction Industry Education Foundation, Inc. (CIEF) is a public charity committed to attracting, developing, and mentoring individuals pursuing careers in the construction industry. The Foundation is affiliated with the Construction Exchange of Buffalo & WNY, Inc., a regional trade association representing employers engaged in residential and commercial construction throughout Western New York.

CIEF scholarships are available to graduating high school seniors and current college students enrolled full-time in a construction-related certification or degree program, as well as individuals entering directly into a skilled trade.

The Foundation offers two types of scholarships:

1. A complete set of tools for applicants entering a trade; or
2. A monetary scholarship for applicants pursuing a construction-related certification or degree program.

The monetary awards may be used for tuition and related educational expenses, including books and required technology. Funds are issued directly to the educational institution or reimbursed upon submission of appropriate documentation.

Final award amounts are determined at the sole discretion of the Foundation. Applicants will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

- School attendance record
- Academic performance (a complete transcript reflecting eight semesters of grades must accompany the application)
- Achievements and extracurricular activities
- Personal interview

Completed applications, including transcripts, must be received by **May 1, 2026.**

Applications may be emailed to jvandusen@conexbuff.com or mailed to:

Construction Industry Education Foundation
2660 William Street
Cheektowaga, NY 14227

CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS: In addition to this paper application, applicants are required to participate in a short, online interview with the CIEF Board of Directors to be considered for funding. Candidates who fail to schedule and/or attend the interview will be automatically disqualified.

CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Name: _____
First MI Last

Home Address: _____
Street & Number City, State Zip

E-mail address: _____ Phone: _____

Current School Name (if applicable): _____

Anticipated graduation date (if applicable): _____

ESSAY QUESTIONS: For each of the questions listed below, please provide a response with a maximum of 500 words.

- What are your plans after graduation? Describe your goals and explain how this scholarship would help you achieve them.
- Why are you interested in a construction industry career and what event, or series of events has led you to this decision? Where possible, explain how your previous work experiences relate to a construction industry career.
- What extracurricular activities have you participated in during the past year? (e.g. community service, clubs, athletics, etc.)
- Have you won any distinctions or honors?

SCHOLARSHIP TYPE:

I AM REQUESTING AN AMOUNT OF \$ _____ TO BE USED TOWARD (choose one option below)

Tools/PPE

Job Type:

PPE/Tools Needed:

Academics

Academic Institution:

Academic Program/Certification Name:

Academic Year Needed: _____

I, _____ agree that the application and all attachments are accurate and may be used for the purpose of evaluation by the CIEF Board.

Candidate Signature: _____ Date: _____

All applications must be signed and include all required information at the time of submission to be considered.