



ASSOCIATED BUILDERS & CONTRACTORS
WESTERN MICHIGAN
AND
WEST MICHIGAN CONSTRUCTION INSTITUTE
NORM BRADY SCHOLARSHIP



SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The Norm Brady Scholarship was established in recognition of the outstanding service of Norm Brady, former President of the Associated Builders & Contractors Western MI Chapter. During his tenure, Norm was instrumental in launching the West Michigan Construction Institute. **This scholarship awards one student full tuition and fees for one academic year (for one craft course) at the West Michigan Construction Institute.**

ACADEMIC CRITERIA

1. Applicant must be pursuing post-secondary education and training in a skilled trades program.
2. Scholarship must be used to attend WMCI for one of the specific craft training programs being offered at time of enrollment.
3. The scholarships will be awarded to a student who may or may not have financial need. Recipient of scholarship must adhere to all WMCI policies and procedures. Failure to do so may result in loss of scholarship.
4. Award is restricted to one year and must be used in the academic year following the announcement of the recipient.
5. Applicant must submit two completed Applicant Reference Forms (provided in Scholarship Application packet) with their scholarship application to WMCI. These references should provide insight into the applicant's character and accomplishments and must be from non-relatives. The Applicant Reference Forms provided must be used for the references. No other reference letters will be accepted.
6. Applicant must submit a completed and signed application form to WMCI.
7. All materials required for this scholarship (application form, transcripts, reference forms) must be **received by WMCI no later than 12:00pm, FRIDAY, JULY 18, 2025**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
8. Applicants will be notified of award status by Friday, August 1, 2025.

SUBMIT ALL MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR SCHOLARSHIP AS ONE PACKET TO:

West Michigan Construction Institute

Attn: Jordyn Kapala

801 Century Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Or email all materials to: jkapala@wmcinstitute.com



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STUDENT APPLICATION FORM

The Norm Brady Scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is pursuing post-secondary vocational skilled trades education and training in a program at the West Michigan Construction Institute (WMCI). The scholarship will be awarded based on an evaluation of the attached criteria. Accuracy in completing the application is critical and will affect the final evaluation. Please complete the application using an ink pen and printing neatly or by typing, including signing the application.

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

First and Last Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____ Home Phone: _____

Are you currently employed?

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

CRAFT TRAINING PROGRAM OF STUDY:

Select the craft training program you will be participating in. Please visit www.wmcinstitute.com for more information about each trade program. For further questions please inquire with WMCI at (616) 208-9624.

- ☐ Carpentry
☐ Concrete
☐ Drywall
☐ Plumbing
☐ Sprinkler Fitting

EDUCATION TO DATE:

High School Attended: _____

Year of Graduation: _____

High School GPA: _____

For continuing education, complete all that is applicable:

College, university, or other vocational/technical institutions attended: _____

Cumulative post-secondary GPA (4.0 scale): _____

Years of formal and/or informal technical apprenticeship, including military training: _____

In what specific program/field: _____

With what organization(s)/institution(s) did you receive your training: _____

If you require additional space for any of the following questions, please attach an extra page.

Please list extracurricular activities that would apply to this application: _____

Please describe what “merit” means to you, and why you should be selected for this scholarship:

Please describe why you selected your particular craft training program and why you desire to work in the construction industry: _____

I agree that this application and all supporting documents are true and valid and may be used for the purpose of evaluation and selection for the Norm Brady Scholarship.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Mail Application to: West Michigan Construction Institute, 801 Century Ave SW, Grand Rapids, MI 49503 **OR**
Email application to: Jordyn Kapala, jkapala@wmcinstitute.com

ABC/WMCI USE ONLY:

Signature Scholarship Awarded By: _____ Date: _____



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STUDENT REFERENCE FORM

(This form is required to be used for references)

TO THE APPLICANT: Two references should be acquired by non-relatives such as teachers, administrators, employers, or other personal reference individuals.

TO THE REFERENCES: Type or neatly print comments on this reference form. Letters of reference on company letterhead are not acceptable as a replacement for this form. Criteria for the Norm Brady scholarship includes post high school or work performance of the applicant, the integrity and responsibility of the applicant, and the individual's desire to succeed and pursue his/her goals.

Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference #1: _____

Contact Phone Number 1: _____ Contact Phone Number 2: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please describe the academic/volunteer/employment situation in which you have worked with this applicant (include dates):

Does the applicant follow through on projects/assignments?

Describe the applicant's work/study attitudes and personal habits:

Describe the applicant's future potential:

Additional comments:

Applicant must turn in the reference forms with their scholarship application to meet the deadline date.



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Name of Applicant: _____

Name of Reference #2: _____

Contact Phone Number 1: _____ Contact Phone Number 2: _____

Relationship to Applicant: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please describe the academic/volunteer/employment situation in which you have worked with this applicant (include dates):

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