



## **Wisconsin Builders Foundation Matching Grant Scholarship Fund**

### **The Purpose of the Grant**

The Wisconsin Builders Foundation will assist students who are residents of and enrolled in or plan to attend a Wisconsin institution of higher learning in the building trades. Building trades is defined as the skilled and semiskilled crafts employed in building construction. Preference will be given to applicants concentrating in residential housing construction.

### **About the Foundation**

The Wisconsin Builders Foundation was established as a 501(c)3 charitable organization in 1999. The Foundation engages in providing education and professional training opportunities to anyone in residential construction. In addition, the Foundation creates educational opportunities and financial support to students engaged in or entering the building trades. It is the intent of the Foundation to provide a constant supply of well qualified individuals pursuing homebuilding as a career and thus securing home ownership for future generations.

### **Scholarship Amounts**

Scholarships will be awarded in a dollar for dollar match to the WBA local association's award up to \$1,000 per local and on a yearly basis not to exceed 5% of the Wisconsin Builders Foundation Safety and Education Fund balance at the first of each year. If, in any year, the available scholarship funds are insufficient to meet the criteria stated above, the available funds will be prorated among applicants with 60% of available funds allocated to local associations with Donor Advised Funds held by the Foundation. Any funds not awarded will remain in the Foundation's Safety and Education Fund. The Wisconsin Builders Foundation may exercise its responsibility to suspend an award in any given year to preserve the principal of the fund.

### **Eligibility**

Candidates for the matching grant must meet the following criteria:

- Be a United States citizen and Wisconsin resident.
- Have a minimum 2.5 g.p.a.
- Must be enrolled or accepted into a Wisconsin institute of higher education in their building trades program.
- Must be nominated by a local association through its scholarship program.

### **How to Apply**

The local association will formally nominate any or all its scholarship recipients to the Wisconsin Builders Foundation. The local association will forward each recipient's completed application packet along with the association's selection criteria and reason for recommendation. At a minimum, the application packet should include:

- High school/college transcripts
- Work and volunteer history
- One-page, typed essay as required by the local association

**OR**

- A written essay or video responding to the following topic:

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION AND HOME OWNERSHIP IN TODAY'S SOCIETY**

#### **Selection Process:**

The Wisconsin Builders Foundation Trustees or a sub-committee appointed by the Foundation Trustees, will select the scholarship winners. The scholarship award is meant to recognize and support future leaders in the building industry. Among the traits of leadership are commitment, confidence and creativity. A successful leader in the building trades should have an entrepreneurial spirit and possess the ability to delegate, inspire and communicate effectively. Applicants are encouraged to address their leadership qualities in their written submission. There will be at least one winner from each participating local association. Winners will be announced to the local association by the end of June. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Local associations will notify their winner(s). Awards will be presented at the WB Foundation Golf Outing in July of each year.

#### **Deadline**

Local associations should forward the application packet to the Wisconsin Builders Foundation after their scholarship selection has been made. Applications will be accepted from February 1st through June 15<sup>th</sup> of each year.

#### **Award Acceptance**

It is the intent of the WB Foundation to acknowledge scholarship recipients at the Wisconsin Builders Association July Member Day meeting. While this is requested, not required, any recipient unable to appear in person will be asked to submit a short video acknowledging the award, stating the institute he/she will be attending with the course of study and what he/she hopes to achieve in the future.

#### **Additional Information**

Each recipient is required to sign an acknowledgement that he/she will fill out a follow up questionnaire sponsored by the Wisconsin Builders Foundation within a year of acceptance which may be used in promotional material. All promotional material must acknowledge the Wisconsin Builders Foundation as the benefactor of the scholarship.