

## Connecticut Valley Chapter of the Geo-Institute of American Society of Civil Engineers

### GEO-CT Geotechnical Scholarship Award

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Thank you for your interest in the GEO-CT Geotechnical Scholarship Award. The scholarship award committee has prepared the following information about the scholarship to provide encouragement and assist with the application process. We look forward to receiving your application.

#### Overview

The Connecticut Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute has established a scholarship award targeted toward students studying geotechnical engineering or related field(s) at an undergraduate college/university in the Connecticut Valley region (New England states). The objectives of the award are to:

- Encourage students interested in geotechnical engineering to pursue a career in this field.
- Provide a cash award for the selected students to use at their discretion.
- Support students pursuing a degree in the geo-sciences to assist with the increasingly high costs of higher education.
- Promote student involvement in ASCE Student Chapters.

#### Eligibility

Applicants shall meet the following requirements:

- Currently a full-time student enrolled in an ABET accredited engineering program leading to a Bachelor of Science (or Engineering) degree in Civil Engineering, Geological Engineering, or Geology. Preference will be given to students with a focus on geotechnical engineering. Applicants should have taken at least two courses, or demonstrate personal interest in geotechnical engineering or related topics such as geology, geo-hydrology, environmental sciences, etc.
- Undergraduate student in their sophomore, junior, or senior year, or a graduate student in good academic standing.
- Active member of CSCE, an ASCE student chapter, or demonstrate a record of leadership in another student-led organization.
- Receive endorsement from one of the following: a professor teaching geotechnical engineering or related subject matter, ASCE faculty advisor, Department Chair, Program Coordinator, or student chapter Practitioner Advisor. Endorsement can be in the form of an email, letter, or other format.
- Answer Career Questions included in this application;
  - AND/OR - Submit a 500- to 1000-word essay about why you are interested in geotechnical engineering and what motivates you to pursue a career in this field.
  - AND/OR - Complete an internship performing geotechnical-related tasks and submit a letter of support from your supervisor along with a 500- to 1000-word write-up about what you learned from this internship.
- Applicants shall be eligible to receive only one scholarship or student award through CSCE each year. Please do not apply for the GEO-CT scholarship if also applying for the CSCE student award.



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### **Award**

The Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute will make awards each year in accordance with the applications that are received and funds available. The selected candidate(s) shall receive a certificate of recognition and a check for the award amount. Awards are anticipated to be in the range of **\$500 to \$1,500** per recipient. The award(s) will be presented at the Chapter's Spring Geotechnical Seminar in April. Attendance at the Spring Seminar by the awarded students is encouraged but not required.

### **Selection**

The Scholarship Committee of the Connecticut Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute will review applications and select award recipients. The Chair of the Connecticut Valley Chapter of the ASCE Geo-Institute shall submit the selected award applications to the CSCE Board for review. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to not recommend a recipient of scholarship award.

### **Submittal**

Applications must be received by March 15, 2026. Applications should be submitted in a single PDF or WORD document with their full name and submission date in the file name. Application length not to exceed 10 pages including relevant photographs, (excluding these instruction pages). Responses to career questions should not exceed 500 words per question.

Please submit applications and any questions you have to CSCE Administrative Assistant Amy Petrone at [csceinfo@gmail.com](mailto:csceinfo@gmail.com).



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**APPLICANT INFO:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permanent Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Current Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different from above)  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Personal e-mail:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADES AND ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE:**

**College/University:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Degree:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Major:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Graduation Year:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Area of Study, Concentration, or Focus:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you received this award before?** \_\_\_\_\_ **If so, what year?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you currently have scholarships greater than or equal to the cost of tuition?** \_\_\_\_\_



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### CAREER QUESTIONS:

1. Describe an activity or two that you have been involved with at school and/or in the community in recent years. Why are these activities important to you?
2. Share an accomplishment in your life that you are proud of (e.g., an outstanding athletic (or other) achievement, recognition by a supervisor / mentor, motivating a colleague or friend to excel, reaching a personal milestone, etc.):
3. Describe a difficult challenge you have encountered at work, school, or other activities, and how you were able to overcome it:
4. Please share any additional information such as hobbies, personal interests, background, other awards, or extraordinary circumstances you would like the committee to consider: