

Daneen S. Barbour Graduate Scholarship

Receive Up To \$5,000 Cash Per Academic Year
for post-graduate studies in careers related to the precast concrete industry.

\$5,000 Annual Scholarship

Application Deadline: March 15, 2024



The NPCA Foundation is sponsoring scholarships for deserving students pursuing a career related to the precast concrete industry.

Precast concrete-related careers include professional positions in manufacturing facilities, architectural firms, the specifying community, engineering firms and the general construction industry.

Who May Apply?

Applications are open to any student with an undergraduate degree who will be enrolled in a graduate program at an academic institution for the next academic year following the application deadline. The applicant's course of study should be in an academic field related to the building, construction, engineering, architecture or precast concrete industry. Applicants must be enrolled in a master's or doctorate program.

The academic institution must have a recognized related course of study.

What Must Accompany the Completed Application?

To guarantee the application will be reviewed by the NPCA Foundation Board of Directors, the following materials must be included with the application:

1. An undergraduate transcript through the latest grading period prior to the date of application.
2. A 300 – 500 word essay.
3. A letter of recommendation from a college or university faculty member.
4. A completed recommendation form from an NPCA member considered to be in good standing. **This is required to apply. If you need help finding a sponsor, please contact Andi Pierce at apierce@precast.org.**
5. A copy of your acceptance letter to the graduate program. If you have not yet been accepted, please include a letter from a faculty member verifying you have applied.

This scholarship was established in memory of Daneen S. Barbour of Barbour Concrete Company and 1994 recipient of the National Precast Concrete Association's prestigious Robert E. Yoakum Award of Merit. Daneen was a proponent of higher education for everyone – including industry leaders – through post-graduate work and advanced degrees in areas that complement the precast concrete industry.

Daneen enjoyed learning and always encouraged everyone around her to expand his or her education at every opportunity. After raising a family, Daneen earned her master's degree in counseling. She contributed to the family business by developing valuable training programs for all employees and in many other areas of the company. She valued the discipline required to achieve an advanced degree, was a strong advocate of post-graduate studies and also recognized the importance of non-classroom forms of education.



“Receiving the NPCA Foundation’s Scholarship allows me to focus on my academic and extracurricular activities instead of worrying so much about how I’m going to fund my education. I’m involved in student government and other groups, and if I had not received the scholarship, I wouldn’t be able to participate in them.”

Eric Hanson,
Westmont College

Requirements to Maintain an NPCA Foundation Scholarship

1. The student must be attending or planning to attend an accredited institution of higher learning.
2. The student must be pursuing a post-graduate degree in an academic field related to the building, construction, engineering, architecture or precast concrete industry and have it so declared on transcripts.
3. If the student changes majors after the scholarship application has been submitted or after the student has been awarded a scholarship, the student must contact the NPCA Foundation in writing within 30 days. The NPCA Foundation will review the student’s new major and career goals to determine if the student is eligible for the remainder of the scholarship monies.
4. The student must submit a class schedule and a copy of post-graduate degree program acceptance prior to receipt of the first installment. The student must submit a copy of his/her semester transcript before the second installment will be issued.
6. Scholarship money will be divided, with each half being paid at the half-year interval (August/September and December/January). The student will not receive payments until grades or transcripts have been received and all criteria have been met.
7. The student must meet a cumulative grade point average of 3.5 on a 4.0 grading schedule. Should the student fall below 3.5, the scholarship will be forfeited.
8. If the student follows an internship program prescribed by the academic institution and is part of the student’s academic curriculum, this will be considered a term of study and scholarship payment will be made.
9. Scholarship recipients will receive a complementary student membership to NPCA. Student members have access to free NPCA resources and other benefits. Learn more at precast.org.

How Will Scholarships Be Awarded?

All applications will be reviewed, and scholarships will be awarded based on course of study relative to the application requirements, thoroughness of the completed application, scholastic standing, career goals and extracurricular activities. The NPCA Foundation Board of Directors selects recipients at an annual meeting each spring. This is a one-year scholarship. Students may reapply for additional academic years.



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