

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.



Daneen S. Barbour Graduate Scholarship Application

Remember to attach a copy of the following:

- A transcript of college grades through the last grading period prior to the application date.
- A letter of recommendation from a college or university faculty member.
- A letter of sponsorship from an NPCA member. This is **REQUIRED** in order to be considered. If you need help finding a sponsor, contact Andi Pierce at apierce@precast.org.
- 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.

Please Print or Type:

Applicant's Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Name of Sponsoring NPCA Member: _____

For help finding an NPCA member sponsor, please contact Andi Pierce at apierce@precast.org.

Company Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Name of Current School: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Date of Graduation from Undergraduate Program: _____

Would you be interested in working for a precast concrete manufacturer if a job was available?

Yes No Part-time Internship

Are you related to an owner or employee of an NPCA member plant? Yes No

If yes, please provide his/her name and company: _____

I certify that the information on this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Signature: **X** _____ Date: _____

How did you learn about this scholarship?

My school Another website _____

The NPCA website An NPCA member _____

Other _____

To ensure your application will be reviewed by the NPCA Foundation Board of Directors, complete this form in its entirety and return it to the Foundation postmarked by **March 15, 2024**.

NPCA Foundation
1320 City Center Drive
Suite 200
Carmel, IN 46032 or
email to Andi Pierce at
apierce@precast.org.

If any question does not apply, write "N/A" in the space. Use additional sheets to fully answer all questions.

I. NAME AND ADDRESS OF SCHOOL IN WHICH YOU INTEND TO ENROLL (OR ARE ALREADY ENROLLED) FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR:

Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____

State/Province: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

Have you been accepted? _____ When do you expect to earn your graduate degree? _____

Describe Your Course of Study: _____

II. ACADEMIC INFORMATION

Describe the course of study of your undergraduate degree program:

Current Cumulative Grade Point Average on a 4.0 Grading Schedule: _____

List Any Special Academic Honors:

III. EXTRACURRICULAR/COMMUNITY INFORMATION (include on a separate sheet)

- A. List honors, awards, prizes or distinctions received
- B. List school activities (including sports) that you participated in and any offices held
- C. Describe community group activities you have participated in and any offices held
- D. List and describe your hobbies and other interests

IV. WHAT WORK EXPERIENCE AND/OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE HAVE YOU HAD? PLEASE BE SURE TO HIGHLIGHT ANY EXPERIENCE WITHIN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY YOU MAY HAVE.

V. (REQUIRED) PREPARE A TYPED ESSAY OF 300 – 500 WORDS. THE ESSAY SHOULD ADDRESS AT LEAST TWO OF THE TOPICS BELOW:

1. Describe an event or experience that contributed to your interest in the concrete industry.
2. If you have visited a precast concrete plant or construction site where precast is used, describe the most interesting aspect of the visit.
3. Comment on both your short-term and long-term career goals.
4. Comment on what it would mean to you to be an NPCA Foundation scholarship recipient.

___ Check here if you do not give permission to the NPCA Foundation to publish your essay in any publication.

“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.

How May Applicants Apply?

The completed application must be submitted to Andi Pierce by March 15, 2024, to the Foundation office at 1320 City Center Drive Suite 200, Carmel, Indiana 46032 or via email at apierce@precast.org.

The application and necessary attachments must meet the postmark deadline of March 15, 2024, for consideration by the NPCA Foundation Board of Directors.

Applications will be reviewed by the NPCA Foundation Board of Directors, and students will be notified by email of the Board’s decisions.



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