



Association for Bridge Construction & Design
Northeastern Ohio Chapter · www.abcdneoh.org



October 23, 2021

Dear Civil Engineering and Associated Departments,

The Association for Bridge Construction and Design, comprised of the Northeastern Ohio Chapter (ABCD NEOH), Southwest Ohio Chapter (ABCD SWOH), and Central Ohio Chapter (ABCD COH) within the state of Ohio, is the only civil engineering society in Ohio dedicated solely to the construction and design of bridges. Our members include practicing bridge contractors and engineers, as well as civil engineering students. To further the educational mission of the association, ABCD NEOH, ABCD SWOH, and ABCD COH are offering scholarships to incoming junior or senior level civil engineering students. Two \$1,000 scholarships and three \$500 scholarships will be awarded. One of the \$1,000 scholarships is named in honor of Mike Lenett, PE.

Mike Lenett was a professional engineer in Ohio and Kentucky. He was a member of several engineering societies including The American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Association of Bridge Construction and Design where he was instrumental in helping start the Southwest Chapter. Mike was frequently invited to speak at engineering conferences around the country. Mike was a man of deep and resounding dedication. In both his professional and personal life, he was committed to living beyond himself. Mike passed away in September 2020 and this scholarship is in memory of Mike and all he provided to the bridge industry.

Interested candidates should forward a personal statement describing their interest in bridge design and construction, a completed application, as well as a transcript to ABCD NEOH. Scholarship applications will be accepted until November 30, 2021, and should be sent to:

**ABCD Ohio Chapters
c/o Brandon Chavel
AISC
1327 Homeland Dr.
Rocky River, OH 44116**

OR

Email*: chavel@aisc.org

*Email is preferred. Emailed applications must be in pdf format and be under 10 MB file size

Please forward this letter to civil engineering students and organizations that would potentially be interested in funding from ABCD. Scholarship application and instructions are attached and can be found at <http://www.abcdco.org>, <http://www.abcdswoh.org> and <http://www.abcdneoh.org>

If you have any questions, please contact me at 412.889.9066 or chavel@aisc.org. We look forward to being of assistance to the educational endeavors of your students.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brandon Chavel".

Brandon Chavel, PhD, PE
ABCD Ohio Chapters Scholarship Chair



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Copied to:

Cleveland State University Civil and Environmental Engineering Department
Case Western Reserve University Department of Civil Engineering
Mount Union Department of Civil Engineering
Ohio Northern University Department of Civil Engineering
Ohio University Department of Civil Engineering
The Ohio State University Civil and Environmental Engineering and Geodetic Science Department
University of Akron Department of Civil Engineering
University of Toledo Department of Civil Engineering
Youngstown State University Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering
University of Dayton Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering and Engineering Mechanics
University of Cincinnati Department of Civil and Architectural Engineering and Construction Management

ABCD Ohio 2021 Scholarship Committee:

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2021 ABCD Scholarship Instructions

One-time scholarships will be awarded to students currently pursuing a degree in Civil Engineering and interested in focusing on Bridge Engineering. Two \$1,000 scholarships and three \$500 scholarships will be awarded. One of the \$1,000 scholarships is named in honor of Mike Lenett, PE.

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Qualifications

- Must be currently enrolled in an ABET-accredited Ohio university pursuing a 4-year undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering
- Must have attained sophomore status at time of application

Criteria for Selection

- Candidates must exhibit community and school involvement
- Work experience, volunteer experience, and leadership will be considered in the selection process
- College grade point average

Application Process

Applicants shall submit the following:

- ABCD Scholarship Application
- College transcript (an unofficial transcript may be included with the application; however, an official transcript must be provided prior to award of scholarship)
- A list of at least three references, including names, addresses and telephone numbers. References must be non-relatives, and at least one reference must be personal, and one must be collegiate.
- Personal Statement/Essay – in 500 words or less, explain your interest in a bridge engineering career, and how you believe you can make a contribution to the transportation field. Relate your participation in extracurricular activities, including community and school involvement and work/volunteer experience.

Scholarship Recipient

- Recipient will be notified by December 21, 2021.
- Recipient should plan on attending one of the ABCD Chapter meetings after the scholarship award.

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2021 ABCD Scholarship Application

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: () _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL CURRENTLY ATTENDING: _____

SCHOOL'S DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL
ENGINEERING OFFICE CONTACT & PHONE: () _____

ATTACHMENTS:

- College Transcript (see scholarship instructions)
- List of Contact References
- Personal Statement/Essay

Refer to the **2021 ABCD Scholarship Instructions** for more information.

SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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