



# William H. Klingner (WHK) Land Surveying Scholarship

## About the Scholarship

The William H. Klingner (WHK) Land Surveying Scholarship honors the legacy of William “Bill” Klingner, a 1935 University of Missouri civil & agricultural engineering graduate, who began his career as a land surveyor and engineer during the Great Depression. Hired with the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC), he was assigned to Canton, Missouri building reservoirs, erosion projects, and drainage improvements in both Missouri and Illinois along the Mississippi River. While with the CCC, he became acquainted with surveyor and engineer Robert Bushnell, a prominent river engineer expert. After meeting Bushnell, Bill became his business partner and in 1949 became sole owner of what is now known as Klingner & Associates, P.C. His survey and engineering works during his career encompassed the area from New Madrid, Missouri to the Illinois-Wisconsin border.

This scholarship addresses a critical need in the land surveying profession, which faces a significant workforce shortage, as more experienced professionals retire than new graduates enter the field. Despite this shortage, the demand for surveying services has increased substantially across multiple industries, creating career opportunities for those entering the profession. The scholarship award amount ranges from \$1,000 to \$2,500, with the final award determination based on the selection committee’s evaluation of each recipient’s qualifications and demonstrated commitment to the land surveying profession.

## About Land Surveying

Land Surveyors utilize advanced tools such as global positioning systems (GPS), total stations, and levels to precisely measure and locate property boundaries, topographical features, and other critical characteristics of land parcels. This essential work enables the creation of accuracy in mapping, establishment of legal property lines, and proper staking of new developments at construction sites.

*For more information see <https://beasurveyor.com/>*

## Eligibility Requirements

To qualify for this scholarship, applicants must meet all three of the following criteria:

- **School Requirement:** For high school students graduating in the Spring of 2026
- **Program Acceptance:** Must be entering the field of surveying and provide proof of acceptance into an accredited 2-year or 4-year surveying program
- **Professional Commitment:** Must demonstrate a genuine desire and commitment to pursuing professional land surveying licensure as part of their career objectives

## Required Application Materials

Applicants must submit the following complete package:

- **Completed Application Form**
- **Academic Transcript** (unofficial is sufficient)
- **Essay Response**
- **Acceptance Letter** (required from accredited 2-year or 4-year surveying program)

## Important Dates

- **Application Opens:** January 12, 2026
- **Final Application Deadline:** March 6, 2026
- **Final Selection Notification Date:** April 6, 2026