



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



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Personal Information

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

E-mail: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Address: _____

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Academic Information

High School: _____

Cummulative Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ based on a _____ scale.

Please enclose a copy of your academic transcript in your application.

SAT scores: Math _____ Science _____

and/or

ACT scores: Math _____ Science _____ Reading _____ English _____

List any accepted college / university with intended major:

Please enclose copy of the acceptance letter from the school(s) in your application



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Work Experience

List any employment experience you may have. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Employer: _____ Number of hours per week: _____

Reason for leaving: _____ From: _____ To: _____

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Honors and Scholarships

List any honors or awards, academic or non-academic, you have received. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Award / Scholarship: _____ Date of Award: _____

Description of Award / Scholarship: _____

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Volunteer / Extracurricular Activities

List volunteer and extracurricular activities, including any positions held as part of student government. Attach additional sheets if necessary.

Activity: _____ From: _____ To: _____

Actions Performed: _____

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Essay Question

What interests you most about land surveying, and what makes you a good fit for the profession?

The essay should be no more than 500 words in length. If submitted on a separate page, the essay should be typed and double-spaced. List your name at the top of the page and enclose with your application.



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Application Package Summary

Your application package should contain the following:

- Completed Application
- Academic Transcript (unofficial is sufficient)
- Copy of University or College Acceptance Letter
- Answer to Essay Question

Required:

- I certify that I am a U.S. citizen.
- To the best of my knowledge, the information presented on this application and all attachments is complete and true.

Applicant Signature

Date

Submissions without the required signatures will not be reviewed.

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APPLICATION AND ATTACHMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MARCH 6, 2026 AT:

Klingner & Associates, P.C.

Attn: Samantha Rochelle

616 North 24th Street

Quincy, IL 62301

or

PDF's of the completed application and attachments may be emailed to: srochelle@klingner.com

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ALL APPLICANTS WILL BE NOTIFIED OF THE FINAL SELECTION BY APRIL 10, 2026.

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to Klingner & Associates, P.C. for their generous support in establishing this scholarship, which honors William H. Klingner's remarkable legacy while investing in the future of the land surveying profession, and we thank you for taking the time to complete this application.