



2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Receipt Deadline – April 03 2026

The Collier Building Industry Foundation (CBIF) is the charitable arm of the Collier Building Industry Association. The primary mission of CBIF is to engage in educational activities that help young people understand and pursue rewarding careers in the building industry and to provide training assistance to those individuals currently pursuing continuing education within the construction fields. The Foundation has created scholarship funds to address the pressing need for a better-educated and trained construction industry workforce.

Application Deadline:	Applications must be received at the CBIF office by April 03, 2026. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.
Eligibility:	To qualify for the scholarship, you must meet one of the below criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Current Collier County resident• Graduated from a Collier County High School• Work as an intern/employee for a CBIA Member Company• Have an immediate family works for a CBIA Member Company
Awards:	The minimum scholarship award amount is \$500.
Process:	Applications are reviewed individually, objectively, and scored by an independent committee – criteria include but are not limited to academic performance, construction experience, essay, and other criteria.



2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION CHECKLIST

The following items in the checklist **MUST** be submitted to constitute a complete application.

Please complete on separate pages or as separate attachments:

- 1. All applications should be typewritten.
- 2. List school and community activities.
- 3. List awards, if any, received in the past three years (local, regional, state, and national).
- 4. List work experience (shadowing, internships, employment) including employer, part-/full-time, position held, dates of employment, and responsibilities.
- 5. List any construction-related activities that have not been addressed above

- 6. Provide an Academic Letter of Recommendation or a Professional /Employer Letter of Recommendation - in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written across the seal. (One of each type is acceptable but not required.)
- 7. Brief Essay explaining your interest in becoming a professional in the construction industry. Identify and describe your experience with the construction industry and career goals. (Please do not exceed one page, minimum font size is 12pt.) This is required for all application types.

- 8. If applicable, Separation Papers from a branch of the US Armed Forces (DD214).

- 9. If applicable, proof of admission to a post-secondary construction related program or an apprenticeship program if applicable.

- 10. Provide an updated resume.

Applications MUST be received by April 03, 2026.

Submit the application to:
ATTN: CBIF Scholarship Committee
3200 Bailey Lane, Suite 110 | Naples, Florida 34105
Applications can also be submitted online at www.CBIF.net

Incomplete applications or applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.



2026 CBIF APPLICATION (PLEASE TYPE)

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	E-mail:
Parent/Guardian Name if under 18 years old:	
Parent/Guardian Cell:	Email:
APPLICATION TYPE: (Mark with an X) <input type="checkbox"/> Are you a student? <input type="checkbox"/> Are you an Adult Learner?	
School(s) currently attending at the time of application:	
Current Grade and GPA if applicable:	
SCHOOL INFORMATION (If Applicable):	
College/educational institution/trade school you will attend next school year in fall?	
Have you been accepted?	Declared major/vocation:
Estimated Cost of Tuition/Books per year:	Estimated Cost of living expenses/year:
Approximately what percentage of your education costs are covered at this time?	Other Anticipated Costs:
Are you or will you receive financial aid (e.g., other scholarships, loans, grants, etc.)?	
If yes, please describe, including type and amount(s):	
Have you applied before? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If yes, what year(s)? _____	
To qualify for the scholarship, you must meet one of the below criteria – Please specify:	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Graduated from a Collier County High School – High School name: _____ Year: _____ • Work as an intern for a CBIA Member Company – Company Name: _____ Year: _____ • Work as an employee for a CBIA Member Company – Company Name: _____ • Have an immediate family that works for a CBIA Member Company – Company Name: _____ • Current Collier County resident – Since: _____ 	

By my signature below, I affirm that the information provided in this application packet and attachments is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I hereby authorize the Collier Building Industry Foundation to receive any and all information (upon request) necessary to verify the correctness of all statements made in this application.

Signature:	Date:
Email:	Phone:



ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please type)

Instructions to Applicant: Complete Sections 1 and 2 and give this form to the instructor, or advisor familiar with your academic work. Allow at least two weeks to complete the form. This form must be submitted with your application.

Applicant

Name:	City:
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Courses – Provide courses taken from the person recommending you, if any:

Course Number	Course Title	When Taken	Grade

Please indicate any other personal association you have had with the person recommending you:

Instructions to Recommender: Please complete this form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope with your signature across the seal. The applicant must submit your recommendation as part of his/her completed application by **April 03, 2026, 5:00 pm** deadline. If you cannot make a judgment in a particular category, please indicate this.

How long have you known the applicant?	In what capacity?
What contributions has the applicant made on campus and in the community?	

Please rate the applicant compared to a representative group of students you have known during your career:

	Superior (Top 1%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 20%)	Good (Top 1/3)	Avg./Poor (Lower 1/2)	Unable to judge
Intellectual ability						
Ability to work with others						
Leadership ability						
Problem-solving skills						
Initiative						
Dependability/Maturity						
Overall potential						

Many talented individuals achieve marginal academic records. In your opinion is the applicant's academic record an accurate index of his/her academic ability? YES NO Don't know

If your answer is NO, please explain briefly on the back of this form, giving consideration to the applicant's work schedule and other conflicts.

Recommenders Name (Print):	Title:
School:	Email:
Signature:	Phone:
Date:	



PROFESSIONAL/EMPLOYER RECOMMENDATION FORM

(Please type)

Instructions to Applicant: Complete Sections 1 and 2 and give this form to the professional / employer who has worked with you. Allow your employer at least two weeks to complete the form. Your recommender should return the form to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, for you to include with your application.

Applicant

Name:	City:
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Experience – list the positions you have held regarding the person recommending you, if any:

Dates	Position	Supervisor

Please indicate any other personal association you have had with the person recommending you:

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How long have you known the applicant?	In what capacity?
What contributions has the applicant made on campus, job site and community?	

Please rate the applicant compared to a representative you have known during your career:

	Superior (Top 1%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 20%)	Good (Top 1/3)	Avg./Poor (Lower 1/2)	Unable to judge
Intellectual ability						
Ability to work with others						
Leadership ability						
Problem-solving skills						
Initiative						
Dependability/Maturity						
Overall potential						

Recommenders Name (Print):		Title:
Company:	Email:	Phone:
Address:		
Signature:	Date:	