



2026/2027 UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

Application & Attachments Must be Postmarked by
March 31, 2026

BACKGROUND

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) was founded in 1984 with these stated goals:

- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences on dam safety issues.
- To foster interstate and inter-governmental cooperation in dam safety.
- To provide information and assistance to state dam safety programs and to the ASDSO membership.
- To provide representation of state interests before Congress and federal agencies responsible for dam safety.
- To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state dam safety programs.

Recognizing that one of the keys to achieving these goals is the development of well-trained technical persons interested in one of the many scientific fields related to dam safety, ASDSO established its Dam Safety Scholarship Program in 1992.

THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded for the **2026/2027** school year. At least one scholarship will be awarded, with up to \$20,000 in scholarship funds available. A travel stipend to the ASDSO Annual Conference may also be awarded in addition to the scholarship funds. Successful recipients must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents and enrolled full-time at the **junior or senior** level (during the 2026/2027 school year) in an accredited civil engineering program, or a related field as determined by ASDSO, and must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in hydraulics, hydrology or geotechnical disciplines, or in another discipline related to the design, construction, and operation of dams. Undergraduate students planning to graduate in May/December 2027 or in May/December 2028 will be eligible for the 2026 scholarship.

Minimum Criteria - Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for the first two years (for juniors) or three years (for seniors) of college, and be recommended by their academic advisor. They must also submit a typewritten essay on the topic: Describe your experience and interest in engineering. Where do you see yourself post-graduation?

Basis for Award - The basis for selection will generally follow these guidelines:

- Academic Scholarship
- Work Experience/Activities
- Essay
- Letters of Recommendation
- Financial Need

ASDSO will be the final determiner in each instance as to which applicants will be recipients of a scholarship. A student may only receive the scholarship once. Prior recipients of the ASDSO scholarship may not apply for the scholarship again. Applicants who do not receive the ASDSO scholarship in their junior year are encouraged to reapply for their senior year.

Final Application Date—Application forms can be obtained by writing to ASDSO at the address below and must be postmarked no later than **March 31, 2026**. Successful candidates will be announced by **July 2026**.

WHERE TO SEND APPLICATION

Send all applications and accompanying materials to:

Association of State Dam Safety Officials
239 S. Limestone
Lexington, Kentucky 40508

OR

email documents to Michaela Royse at mroyse@damsafety.org

(Note that if using email, reference letters must be sent directly from the reference)

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Additional applications are available at www.damsafety.org/apply-scholarship

A. APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Name _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Temporary Mailing Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Permanent Phone Number _____ Cell Phone Number _____

Email Address Where We Can Contact You by July 2026 _____

Student Member of ASDSO? Yes No

Date of Birth _____ Are You A U.S. Citizen? Yes No

B. ACADEMIC ADVISOR:

Name _____ Title (if applicable) _____

Address _____ Phone _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Email Address _____

C. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

College or University _____ Dates _____

Major Field of Study _____ Previous Degree(s) Received _____

Grade Point Average (for all college courses) _____ Class Rank _____

Anticipated Date of Graduation _____

Have you previously been awarded a scholarship, fellowship, or grant? Yes No

If yes, where? _____ Amount? _____

Student ID Number _____

D. ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THIS APPLICATION:

1. **Official transcripts** of all university education (up through Fall 2025 semester)
2. Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the academic advisor
(Copy the attached Reference Form as needed.)
3. Essay including proposed curriculum of study and experience with future interest post graduation.

E. ESSAY:

Prepare a typewritten essay of approximately 500 words on the topic:

- 1) What is your proposed curriculum of study?
- 2) Describe your experience and interest in engineering. Where do you see yourself post-graduation?

Place the title and your name at the top of the page.

F. CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

This section should be completed by the parent, guardian, or applicant (if self-supporting). If this section is not completed, it will be assumed that no financial need exists.

Parent Section

Family's Gross Annual Income \$_____ and Net Taxable Income \$_____ for year _____ (as reported to the IRS).

Number of other children who will be in college during the next four years, and the estimated annual amount to be contributed by the family toward their education (excluding the applicant).

Information on Applicant's Father:

Name _____ Living? Yes No Address _____

City _____ State ____ Employer _____ Occupation _____

Information on Applicant's Mother:

Name _____ Living? Yes No Address _____

City _____ State ____ Employer _____ Occupation _____

Guardian Section

Gross Annual Income \$_____ and Net Taxable Income \$_____ for year _____ (as reported to the IRS).

Name of individual who supports the applicant _____

Relationship of Individual to Applicant _____

Address _____ City _____

State ____ Employer _____ Occupation _____

Self-Supporting Section

Gross Annual Income \$_____ and Net Taxable Income \$_____ for year _____ (as reported to the IRS).

Employer _____ Occupation _____

Annual Education Costs _____

I hereby certify that the information in this section accurately reflects my current financial status.

Signature of Parent, Guardian, or Applicant

Date

G. ACTIVITIES:

Work Experience. List the jobs (including part-time and summer jobs) you have held since entering college.

1. Employer _____

Duties _____

2. Employer _____

Duties _____

3. Employer _____

Duties _____

4. Employer _____

Duties _____

Activities. List your on-campus and off-campus extracurricular activities (other than jobs), in the order of interest to you, in which you have been involved since entering college. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required).

1. Activity _____

Your Most Significant Contribution _____

2. Activity _____

Your Most Significant Contribution _____

3. Activity _____

Your Most Significant Contribution _____

4. Activity _____

Your Most Significant Contribution _____

Professional Activities and Memberships. List professional activities and memberships (other than jobs) in which you have been involved during college. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required.)

1. Activity or Membership _____

Your Most Significant Contribution _____

2. Activity or Membership _____

Your Most Significant Contribution _____

3. Activity or Membership_____

Your Most Significant Contribution_____

Honors. List and describe any special honors and scholarships you have won, either in or out of school, since you entered college. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required.)

H. Additional Information

ASDSO would like to know how you heard about this scholarship competition in order to improve student outreach communication. Please mark all that apply:

Facebook LinkedIn Scholarships.com

Professor or advisor (please provide name) _____

Employer (please provide name of contact) _____

Other (please describe) _____

Signature of Applicant

Date

ASSOCIATION OF STATE DAM SAFETY OFFICIALS SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant: _____

Instructions to the writer: Please state below your opinion of the applicant's abilities as a student or employee and potential for future leadership in the field of dam engineering and safety. Any additional comments you might wish to make are welcome.

When you have completed the form, please place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign your name across the sealed flap to ensure confidentiality, and give the envelope to the applicant so the applicant can return a complete application. Emailed letters will also be accepted if **sent directly from reference** to Michaela Royse at mroyse@damsafety.org

Date applicant can be expected to complete degree requirements: _____

Institution _____

Signature _____ Name (Printed or Typed) _____

Position or Title _____ Date _____

Telephone Number _____ Email _____

Address _____