

2009 GREEN BUILDING FUND SCHOLARSHIP

A competitive scholarship for students participating in the Energy Trust of Oregon Technical School Outreach initiative to pursue residential green building post-secondary, trade school, or other professional education.

Energy Trust of Oregon is offering three financial scholarships for students participating in the Technical School Outreach initiative.

The three competitive award scholarships are available in the amounts of \$1,500, \$750 or \$500. Scholarships will be awarded to qualified students pursuing post-secondary, trade school or other professional educational opportunities. Post-secondary and trade school educational opportunities may include Sustainable Building, Building Science, New Construction, Building Construction, Construction Management, Architectural Design, Wood or Material Sciences, Energy Management, and other approved degree or certificate programs with sustainable building coursework. Professional educational opportunities may include the National Sustainable Building Advisor or U.S. Green Building Council LEED® AP certification programs, or other professional certification programs.

Applications must be **received no later than June 15, 2009**. Incomplete, handwritten, or late applications will **not** be accepted. Applications must include the following materials:

- ❑ A cover letter (letter of introduction) describing your construction-related work experience and interests (framing, HVAC, cabinetry and millwork, finish carpentry, plumbing, etc.). Include details about special achievements and career goals. Typewritten, two page maximum.
- ❑ An essay describing the energy-efficient features incorporated into your school's building construction project and how these features enhance building performance. Additional consideration will be given to essays that demonstrate an understanding of basic building science concepts and how they influence building performance. Typewritten, three to five page maximum.
- ❑ A transcript from your current school indicating a minimum grade point average of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent). Please include complete transcript(s).
- ❑ A letter of recommendation, titled "Letter of Recommendation," on school letterhead from a Building Construction Technology instructor detailing:
 - Participation in Energy Trust's Technical School Outreach initiative
 - Attendance and performance in the Building Construction Technology program
 - Personal qualities such as motivation, leadership, initiative and commitment
 - Potential for future success in the residential building industry

AWARD NOTIFICATION

The award committee will notify scholarship recipients no later than July 15, 2009. The terms of the award will be detailed in writing. Recipients will be asked to sign and return one copy of the award notice, acknowledging the terms and certifying that the funds will be used only for educational purposes. All applicants will be notified of their award status via U.S. mail. Scholarship awards are distributed once the signed award notice and a thank you letter from the recipient have been received by the Oregon Building Congress, the scholarship administrator.

Energy Trust and Oregon Building Congress support you in your academic and career goals. If you have any questions about the scholarship program or application, please contact Jan Wierima, scholarship administrator, at 503.318.8145 or e-mail jan@obcweb.com.



AWARD COMMITTEE WILL SCORE APPLICATIONS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING CRITERIA:

- Cover letter demonstrating construction experience and interests, special achievements and educational and career goals
- Essay describing project energy-efficiency features and building performance (additional consideration for essays that discuss building science concepts and how they influence building performance)
- Grade point average
- Letter of recommendation
- Presentation of application materials (spelling, punctuation, etc.)

IMPORTANT DATES:

June 15, 2009	All application materials must be RECEIVED
July 15, 2009	Award recipients announced
August 31, 2009	Scholarship recipient account statement and registration documentation
September 2009	Award funds dispersed to student's post-secondary schools
October 2009	Student recognition at the Oregon Building Congress' Annual Banquet
December 31, 2009	Student post-academic report and transcripts due

Please send application materials for receipt by **June 15, 2009** to:

Jan Wierima, Green Building Fund Scholarship Administrator
Oregon Building Congress
9450 SW Commerce Circle, Suite 260
Wilsonville, OR 97070

- Completed application (typed)
- Cover letter
- Essay
- Transcript (s)
- Building Construction teacher Letter of Recommendation

RESPONSIBILITIES DURING THE AWARD PERIOD

A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale must be maintained throughout scholarship term.

Scholarship recipients are required to submit a post-academic report by December 31, 2009. The report must include a three to five page essay describing how the coursework completed during the scholarship term enhanced your understanding of sustainable building concepts and/or practices.

Any change in academic status during the scholarship award period must be reported immediately to the scholarship administrator.

ADDITIONAL INSTRUCTIONS:

Electronic applications are available in PDF format; visit **www.obcweb.com** or e-mail **jan@obcweb.com**.

Scholarship recipients will be required to provide Social Security identity documentation and school account information before funds will be released for payment. Awards will be paid directly to the educational institution or entity.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Please answer every question completely and accurately. Mark "N/A" if the question does not apply to you.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ ZIP _____

Phone Number (_____) _____ Email address _____

Cell phone: (_____) _____ Alt phone: (_____) _____

Date of Birth _____ Age _____

Sex: () Female () Male

U.S. Citizen: () Yes () No If not, Permanent Resident Alien: () Yes () No

SCHOOL INFORMATION

Current school _____

Major _____

Expected Graduation Date (mo./yr.) _____ Current G.P.A. _____

I plan to pursue/receive a: () Certificate () Associates Degree () Bachelor Degree
() 2 year program () 4 year program
() Apprenticeship

Name of school and program: _____

Special achievements (school awards, building construction accomplishments, etc.)

Extracurricular activities (sports, scholastic, or non-academic clubs and activities, etc.)

PLEASE MAKE A COPY OF THE COMPLETED APPLICATION FOR YOUR RECORDS.

ESSAY QUESTIONS

Please incorporate your response to each of the following questions into one essay. **Essay shall be a total of three to five pages, typewritten, double-spaced and attached to the application.** The scholarship award committee will score your application based on your ability to express yourself articulately as a future leader in the home building and construction industry.

Essay Question #1

Describe the energy-efficient features included in your school's building project.

Essay Question #2

Describe how these features enhance the building performance of the home.

Essay Question #3 – Additional consideration

Include a discussion of the basic concepts of building science (heat, air and moisture movement), and, based on these concepts, describe how the features incorporated into your school's building project enhance building performance.

REQUIRED SIGNATURE

PLEASE READ PRIOR TO SIGNING

To the best of my knowledge, I have provided accurate information concerning all questions on this application. I agree to report any changes which could affect consideration of my application to the Oregon Building Congress. I understand that failure to provide valid and complete information could result in the withdrawal of all financial assistance and recall of all awards previously made by the Oregon Building Congress.

I understand all applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent resident aliens (American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico and U.S. Virgin Islands) and reside in the state of Oregon.

Furthermore, if I become a scholarship recipient, I agree to have my information (excluding my Social Security Number) released to promote the Oregon Building Congress, and Energy Trust of Oregon.

Additionally, if selected for this scholarship award, I agree as a condition of receiving my scholarship funds that I will submit a student post-academic report by December 31, 2009, describing how the coursework I completed enhanced my understanding of sustainable building concepts or practices, accompanied by official transcripts to document that I maintained a minimum of a 2.5 cumulative GPA on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent).

CERTIFICATION

Student must read and **SIGN BELOW** to be eligible for consideration.

- I certify that all information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.
- I understand that falsification of information may result in termination of any scholarship award.
- I certify that I am a U.S. Citizen or permanent resident alien.
- I understand incomplete or late materials will disqualify the application.
- I understand application materials are the property of the Oregon Building Congress and will not be returned.
- I understand all award decisions and notifications are final.
- I certify that I will participate in a post-secondary, trade school or professional education program for the 2009/2010 academic year.
- I understand a cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 on a scale of 4.0 (or equivalent) must be maintained during the scholarship term.
- I understand a student post-academic report is due by December 31, 2009 that describes how the coursework completed enhanced my understanding of sustainable building concepts or practices.
- I understand a student post-academic report is due by December 31, 2009, which describes how the coursework completed enhanced my understanding of sustainable building concepts or practices.
- I understand I must immediately notify the Oregon Building Congress of any change in my academic status.

- I understand I must submit a billing statement from the school or professional education program upon enrollment to initiate payment to the school or professional education program.
- I certify I have read this application and certification and accept all terms and conditions.

Applicant Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Applicant _____ Date _____

If applicant is under age 18, a parent or legal guardian signature is also required

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Printed Name of Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian Tel. Day: _____ Evening: _____



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About the Scholarship Sponsors



Energy Trust of Oregon, Inc., is a nonprofit organization dedicated to changing how Oregonians use energy by promoting energy efficiency and clean renewable energy for Oregon customers of Portland General Electric, Pacific Power, NW Natural and Cascade Natural Gas. Energy Trust of Oregon sponsors the [Technical School Outreach](#) initiative through the [New Homes](#) program.



[Oregon Building Congress](#) brings educators and businesses together to achieve the shared goal of developing better-prepared applicants, including minorities and women, to the building industry. Oregon Building Congress partners with Energy Trust of Oregon New Homes program to deliver the Technical School Outreach initiative.

Thank you to participating schools and partners

