



South Central Branch James Bader Scholarship Fund

INTRODUCTION

The South Central Branch of the Texas Chapter of the American Public Works Association (APWA) established the James Bader Scholarship Fund in 2000. It honors Mr. James Bader, P.E. from the Department of Public Works, City of San Antonio, Texas.

James Bader was a proud and kind man. His dedication and sincerity toward his career in public works and toward others was like no other. James began his career with a rather bouncy and rough start. His employment with various industries such as the lime, pre-cast concrete and commercial painting industries invariably ended with layoffs and the beginning of another job search. Through this varied experience, James was able to bring to the table a variety of talents and perspectives. He was not just a “drainage” expert. He was not just an “environmental”, “structural”, “paving”, or “concrete” expert. He was well versed in all aspects of engineering and construction as they relate to public works.

In the midst of his bouncy and rough career, James recognized the importance of a formal technical education. He enrolled in night school to begin the long journey toward obtaining his Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering. With a wife and children to support, James worked a full-time job during the day and attended classes in the evening and on weekends. After many years of hard work, James obtained his Civil Engineering degree. The immense pride that James held for his Civil Engineering degree was surpassed only by his pride upon receiving his Professional Engineering license four years later.

James received his license as a Professional Engineer while employed with the City of San Antonio. During his service with the City, he was an integral and critical part in numerous projects. From drainage projects, to reconstruction projects, to new construction projects, James’ input and involvement was integral and sought after. His insight into technical issues and dedication to the public that he served was truly admirable. He worked long hours, with many weekend and evening public meetings and constantly visited the projects under his watch. Even during his illness, James was always ready to serve.

James was a proud man – proud of his wife, proud of his family, and proud of his profession. His dedication to these passions was admirable. Many times James was heard saying as he drove through a construction project, “Now THAT is a fine looking piece of road.” He was proud of who he was, who he had become, and where he had come from.

James’ yearning for professional development in the public sector is untouched by any other as evidenced by his undaunted quest for a college degree in Engineering. He strived to serve all, and we want to remember his passion for service by giving this scholarship to other persons who may also be struggling to reach the ultimate sacrifice of public service.

The Scholarship Fund was created to provide scholarships for the higher education of members of the South Central Branch of the APWA, their spouses, children, and grandchildren.

It is the goal of the Branch to award multiple - \$2,000.00 higher education scholarships.



ELIGIBILITY

To apply for a scholarship from the James Bader Scholarship Fund, you must meet one or more of the following criteria:

- Be an active member (an active member is defined as a member of the South Central Branch of the APWA for 3 or more months prior to the date of the application), or a spouse, child, grandchild of an active/former member
- Be sponsored by an active member (Must include letter of recommendation from sponsor)
- Be sponsored by a College Professor or advisor, or a High School Teacher or Counselor (Must include a letter of recommendation from sponsor)
- Be a resident of the State of Texas 12 or more months prior to the date of application
- Be enrolled as a full-time student (12+hours) in an undergraduate or higher degree program at an accredited college or university in the State of Texas
- Be an active member enrolled as a degree-seeking student in an undergraduate or higher degree program at an accredited college or university in the State of Texas
- High school students, in their senior year, meeting other requirements are also eligible.
- Be an active member applying to attend a professional development course in accordance with the attached Professional Development Scholarship Requirements
- Have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 (for students: Please provide official sealed transcripts)

SELECTION

A specific course of study is required to apply. Eligible degree areas for application include: Engineering, Public Administration, Chemistry, Geology, Biology, Business Management, Business Finance, Computer Technology and other public service or public sector career fields as determined by the Branch Executive Board.

Applicants must complete the application form accompanied by a letter of no more than two pages that address the following topics: why the funding is desired, course of study, career field you are working toward, and why you chose the major and career field. Forms are available from the Scholarship Committee Members. Applicants will be selected on the basis of academic achievement, course of study, career goals, community service, and financial need.

ADMINISTRATION

Applications must be postmarked on or before **May 11, 2018** to allow time for review and presentation of the award prior to the Fall College semester. Applications for professional development scholarships may be submitted and awarded at any time during the year. The scholarship committee will notify the Scholarship recipients via phone call by June 1, 2018.

Scholarship will be paid in full to the university at the beginning of the semester. Payment will be contingent upon proof of registration, subject to the eligibility requirements above. **If the scholarship recipient has not notified the Scholarship Committee Chairperson by August 31, 2018 of the university to which the payment shall be made, the scholarship recipient will forfeit the scholarship payment.**

To request additional information or return the completed application, contact Joel D. Valdez at 210-798-2326.

**Joel D. Valdez, PE
12500 San Pedro Avenue Suite 450
San Antonio, Texas 78216
Attn: APWA Scholarship Committee**



EDUCATIONAL DATA
ATTACH TRANSCRIPT OF MOST RECENT SCHOOL ATTENDED

School Attended	Address	Year Grad.	Major/Minor	Degree Earned	GPA

List scholastic honors; club/organization memberships, religious affiliations, extra curricular activities:

PLEASE ATTACH REQUESTED TWO PAGE LETTER (AS EXPLAINED ON PAGE ONE), AND THE PHONE & FAX NUMBERS OF YOUR REFERENCES

I hereby certify the foregoing information is true and correct and agree is selected as a recipient of the James Bader Scholarship Fund, the cash received will be used in assistance of attending a college, university, or any special courses as defined by the Scholarship Committee or stated in the eligibility requirements. If the cash awarded me is not used for the purpose, it will be returned to the James Bader Scholarship Fund.

Signature of Applicant _____ Date _____

MAIL COMPLETED APPLICATION TO:

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San Antonio, Texas 78216
Attn: APWA Scholarship Committee

APPLICATION DUE DATE:

May 11, 2018



**Professional Development Scholarship Requirements
APWA – Texas Chapter, South Central Branch**

- Scholarship will be for an active member to attend a training course that is directly related to the person's current job or areas of responsibilities.
- One scholarship per person per year.
- Maximum amount of scholarship is \$2,000.00. All of the scholarship amount must go towards tuition and books and the APWA – South Central Branch Board of Directors will contact the school of choice to have the proceeds applied directly to the student's account.
- All applicants must fill out and submit the attached application form.
- APWA Texas South Central Branch reserves the right to request a refund from recipient if he or she fails to attend.
- The scholarship committee will review all applications on a case-by-case basis. The committee will make recommendations to the APWA – Texas South Central Branch Board who, in turn, will approve and award the scholarships. It is the goal of the Board to award multiple - \$2,000.00 scholarships, though the number will depend on availability of funds.
- All recipients are to submit a proof of attendance or completion of training to the APWA Texas South Central Branch's address:

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