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About Us:

The County Building Officials Association of California (CBOAC) was established in 1963 to provide Building Officials within California's 58 counties an effective way to communicate and share relevant information pertaining to the counties and communities they serve.

CBOAC offers active email user groups, engaging forums, and training relevant to County Building Departments. This includes sharing information and local interpretations, and centers on forming valuable partnerships to elevate the professionalism, expertise and value of the Building Official and other Building Department staff. Most of these events and activities are held during the CBOAC Annual Business Meeting and Conference (ABM).

In addition, CBOAC focuses on education to address the needs of our principal County members and includes vital networking opportunities with other government officials and stakeholders such as California State Association of Counties (CSAC), California Building Officials (CALBO), California County Planning Directors Association (CCPDA), California State Fire Marshal, International Code Council (ICC), California Conference of Directors of Environmental Health (CCDEH) and professional consultants throughout the state.

Program Goal:

The goal of this scholarship program is to provide opportunities for students who engage in receiving formal education in the field of construction, design, architecture, or engineering of buildings and structures.

CBOAC recognizes the statewide shortage of young professionals who pursue careers in the enforcement of Building Codes and wants to encourage and contribute toward the success of students participating in these fields of study. It is important for our industry to develop a strong base of professionals who can join City, County, and private organizations in the pursuit of these careers. Full-time students will be given priority, but part-time students who are current employees of a City or County Building Department, directly, or through the services of a private firm will also be considered for the award. Scholarship award consideration will take into account scholastic achievement as well as financial need. The level of support offered each year shall be determined by the CBOAC Board.

Value to our Communities:

This scholarship program adds value to our communities by assisting selected individuals with a modest financial award that promotes and assists with the success of these individuals' career in a related field of study. Successful careers in these fields of study will contribute toward a strong workforce that will lead to some individuals pursuing careers in the enforcement of Building Codes. Having a strong workforce of individuals who can fill the needed positions in government jurisdictions and private industry will ensure the continued effective enforcement of Building Codes that will produce safer and more livable and more resilient buildings in our communities.

Program Eligibility:

Applicants must be current residents of California.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by the CBOAC Board based on recommendation by the designated CBOAC Board Committee. The Committee shall be established by the Board in accordance with the CBOAC Bylaws. One or more scholarships may be awarded in a calendar year for deserving students, subject to approval by the CBOAC Board. The Board shall take into account the state of the CBOAC budget in determining the scholarship amounts awarded each year.

Individuals may apply for and receive not more than one scholarship per calendar year, and not more than two scholarships during any five-year period.

Applications shall be submitted on a form provided by CBOAC. When no scholarship applications are received for an upcoming calendar year, the Board may decide to roll-over the unawarded amount to the following year.

The CBOAC Board or designated Committee shall evaluate the merits of each application and make a recommendation to the CBOAC Board for the selection of awards. The Board or committee shall weigh the merits of each application by considering financial need, scholastic achievement, and other pertinent factors.

Scholarship award information:

Scholarships shall be awarded to pay for tuition, fees, books, school supplies, or other expenses incurred by the student while enrolled in an academic course(s) in the field of construction, design, engineering, or architecture. Engineering degrees shall be related to buildings, i.e., aerospace, chemical, or agricultural engineering degrees are not eligible.

Full time and part-time students are eligible for a CBOAC scholarship. Full-time students must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 college units at an accredited college or university.

Part-time students must be currently employed by a City or County in California, or currently providing Building Department services for a California jurisdiction through a private firm, as an employee of that firm.

The amount of the scholarship award made for each recipient shall not exceed the amount approved by the CBOAC Board.

The Scholarship Committee is responsible for outreach to schools, ICC chapters, and other organizations or venues to announce the CBOAC Scholarship program. Invitations for scholarship awards shall be announced on the CBOAC website.

Award Notifications:

Notification of scholarship awards shall be made in writing to the recipients as soon as practicable.

Notifications and coordination with scholarship applicants and recipients shall be the responsibility of the CBOAC Committee. Award recipients shall be announced at the CBOAC annual meeting, and local recipients may be invited to the awards dinner for recognition, when determined by the Board.