

## William Morehouse Scholarship Application

Presented by:

*The New York State Builders Association  
Research and Education Foundation (REF)*



As a member of the New York State Builders Association (NYSBA), William (Bill) Morehouse has provided members with insurance coverage for more than thirty-five years. Bill served as Executive Officer of the Home Builders Association of Mohawk Valley for 30 years, along with providing complimentary office space for ten of those years. Bill's generosity and ingenuity helped to initiate the NYSBA Research and Education Foundation.

As steward of an obsolete insurance trust, Bill approached NYSBA to discuss the possibility of utilizing the funds to seed an organization that would benefit the industry. As a result, a 501(c)(3) charitable organization Research and Education Foundation (REF), was formed.

A scholarship program was developed and became recognized amongst our local home builder affiliates. As a tribute to Bill's commitment to the industry, the Research & Education Foundation scholarship program was named in his honor in recognition of his relentless dedication to the industry and members, along with acknowledging his stewardship, generosity and commitment to the future leaders of the industry.

The William Morehouse Scholarship was instituted to assist students who are entering a course of study **SPECIFIC to the residential construction industry**. Its purpose is to assist students in their pursuit of a career in residential construction and to provide employers in New York State with a strong, industry-qualified workforce.

### Deadlines:

Student to send application to local HBA/set up interview

April 15, 2024

Local HBA to send completed application/interview to REF

April 30, 2024

## Applicant Rules, Regulations and *Deadlines*

**Student must set up an interview along with email/ mailing their application and materials to Local HBA who will conduct the interview by: April 15, 2024**

**Student Interview must be completed by Local HBA. Local HBA signs and completes appropriate forms and then forwards student application and materials to the REF. Materials must be received in the REF Office by: April 30, 2024**

### Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) ***Applicant MUST be a high school senior, high school graduate, or a college student attending or planning to attend a one-, two- or four-year college or a certificate program.***
- 2) *The William Morehouse Scholarship was instituted to assist students who are entering a course of study SPECIFIC to the residential construction industry. Its purpose is to assist students in their pursuit of a career in residential construction and to provide employers in New York State with a strong, industry-qualified workforce.*

Applicant **MUST desire and PURSUE a career SPECIFIC to the residential construction field.** A dual degree in related fields is acceptable. Student can be enrolled full or part time.

- 3) Applicant must be a U.S. citizen or documented permanent resident of the United States (i.e. must possess a “green card”).)

\* ***Applicant is responsible for contacting NYSBA Local Affiliated HBA for sponsorship and matching funds information. Please refer to the list of local HBA Affiliates, as follows:***

### **New York State Builders Association Local Affiliates**

**ABO – Associated Builders & Owners of Great New York (New York County)**

*Jay Martin, EO – [jmartin@abogny.com](mailto:jmartin@abogny.com) / (212) 385-4949*

**BACI – Building & Allied Construction Industries of Westchester (Westchester County)**

*Tim Foley, EO – [tim@buildersinstitute.org](mailto:tim@buildersinstitute.org) / (202) 266-8313*

**Buffalo Niagara Builders Association (Cattaraugus, Chautauqua & Erie Counties)**

*Joe Benedict, EO – [jbenedict@conexbuff.com](mailto:jbenedict@conexbuff.com) / (716) 874-3435*

**Home Builders & Remodelers Association of Central New York (Cayuga, Onondaga, Oswego Otsego & Madison Counties)**

*Mary Thompson, EO – [mmt@hbrny.com](mailto:mmt@hbrny.com) / (315) 463-6261*

**Capital Region Builders & Remodelers Association (Albany, Columbia, Greene, Montgomery, Rensselaer, Saratoga, Schenectady, Warren & Washington Counties)**

*Kristen Egelston, EO – [kristen@crbra.com](mailto:kristen@crbra.com) / (518) 579-0066*

**Long Island Builders Institute (Nassau & Suffolk Counties)**

*Mike Florio, CEO – [mike@libi.org](mailto:mike@libi.org)/ (631) 232-2345*

**Mohawk Valley Builders Association (Herkimer & Oneida Counties)**

*Linda Aloisio, EO – [EO@HBRMV.org](mailto:EO@HBRMV.org)/ (315) 798-8858*

**Niagara Region Construction Alliance (Niagara County)**

*Carl Capolupo, EO – [ExecOfficer@NiagaraRCA.com](mailto:ExecOfficer@NiagaraRCA.com)/ (716) 693-5736*

**Building Industry Association of New York City (Kings & Richmond Counties)**

*Alan Becker, EO – [abecker@bianyc.org](mailto:abecker@bianyc.org)/ (718) 720-3070*

**Queens & Bronx Builders Association (Bronx, Queens Counties)**

*Maria Kyrkou, EO – [maria@queensbronxba.com](mailto:maria@queensbronxba.com)/ (718) 428-3369*

**Rochester Home Builders Association (Livingston, Monroe, Ontario, Orleans, Seneca & Wayne Counties)**

*Rick Herman, EO – [rick@rochesterhomebuilders.com](mailto:rick@rochesterhomebuilders.com)/ (585) 272-8222*

**Southern Tier Home Builders & Remodelers Association (Broome, Chemung, Chenango, Schuyler, Steuben, Tioga & Yates Counties)**

*Donna Ciano, EO – [donna@sthbra.com](mailto:donna@sthbra.com)/ (607) 785-9285*

**Tompkins/Cortland Builders & Remodelers Association (Cortland & Tompkins Counties)** *Bruno Schickel, – [info@schickelconstruction.com](mailto:info@schickelconstruction.com)/ (607) 844-4790*

Any counties that are not listed above, please contact **Joe Dolan at the REF**, for assistance  
[jdolan@michaelsgroup.com](mailto:jdolan@michaelsgroup.com)/ (518) 365-9580

## Student Applicant Requirements:

**Student Applicant** is responsible for ensuring the following be completed and submitted to sponsoring local HBA (as one package) by:

- ✓ Completed and signed, four-page application;
- ✓ Three evaluation forms;
  - One (1) form completed by high school or college advisor
  - Two (2) forms completed by any two adults *not* related to the applicant.
- ✓ Official transcript (see a & b on Page 7);
- ✓ Copy of acceptance letter from the college that applicant plans on attending;
- ✓ (If possible) A head & shoulder photograph (i.e. high school yearbook photo or professional photo) of applicant and signed photo release form; (1<sup>st</sup> time Applicants only)
- ✓ Applicant must be sponsored and interviewed by a NYSBA affiliated Home Builders Association (HBA) who will guarantee the scholarship matching funds;
- ✓ **Don't Forget:** A **"Thank You"** note to the sponsoring local affiliate HBA, acknowledging the interview and consideration for their scholarship.

## Sponsoring Local HBA:

- ✓ Send completed **"Commitment to Match"** for the REF's **William Morehouse Scholarship** form to the offices of the REF.
- ✓ Send completed **"Conducting the Interview"** form to REF. **PLEASE NOTE: Interviews must be conducted with all applicants.**
- ✓ Forward applicants completed application materials/package to Research & Education Foundation (REF), PO Box 606, Halfmoon, NY 12065 or email completed materials to [jdolan@michaelsgroup.com](mailto:jdolan@michaelsgroup.com) Incomplete submissions will not be accepted. After interview is conducted, Local HBA to submit all materials to REF by **April 30, 2024**.

## Awards

- 1) Scholarship will be a minimum of \$1,000 per applicant per year and may be renewable for the full tenure of undergraduate study in eligible fields.
- 2) Applications will be reviewed by the REF Scholarship Committee and recipients selected by the REF's Board of Directors, which will be based on the Scholarship Committee's notes and recommendations.
- 3) Awards will be announced once approved by the REF Board in late spring or early summer.
- 4) **Checks will be presented to recipient at a meeting/event of the sponsoring local HBA prior to the beginning of the school year. Checks will not be sent to the college.**
- 5) For subsequent awards, scholarship winners are required to provide indications of continued need, continued interest in construction or a construction related field, continued enrollment and good standing in a college program leading to a degree in an eligible field of study. Transcripts and upcoming class schedule must be forwarded at time of application for each academic period. Recipient is encouraged to seek summer employment in construction or a construction related field at some time during undergraduate enrollment. Current recipients may reapply for subsequent awards using the **William Morehouse Scholarship Application for Return Applicants**. Renewal is not guaranteed.

## Application Checklist

**NOTE:** This checklist is for your convenience only and does not need to be submitted as part of your application.

### Applicant Responsibilities:

- ☐ Application completed and signed (4 pages)
- ☐ Evaluation form from high school/ college advisor
- ☐ Evaluations from non-related adults (2 separate forms)
- ☐ Official Transcript from high school or college
- ☐ Letter of Acceptance from College(s)
- ☐ Signed photograph release – *(first time applicants only)*
- ☐ Head & shoulder photo (i.e. high school yearbook photo or other professional picture)  
(If possible) – *(first time applicants only)*

**Don't Forget:** It is always good form to send a "Thank You" note to the sponsoring local HBA acknowledging the interview and for being considered for the scholarship.

***Applicant's application and material must be emailed/submitted to sponsoring local HBA no later than April 15, 2024.***

### Sponsoring HBA Responsibilities:

- ☐ 'Commitment to Match' form, completed and signed by Local HBA Representative to be sent to REF
- ☐ 'Conducting the Interview' form, completed and signed by HBA Representative (3 pages) to be sent to REF
- ☐ Applicants completed forms sent along with above information, to REF

***ALL application materials must be submitted by sponsoring local HBA to REF, no later than April 30, 2024.***

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Halfmoon, NY 12065  
Attn: W.M. Scholarship