2026 CCHRB Scholarship Announced!

You are invited to apply for a scholarship funded by the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings (CCHRB). This $5,000 annual scholarship program supports eligible students at any college or university with an alumnus who serves as a member of the CCHRB.

Eligibility
The following criteria must be met:

- Your area of study must be directly related to some aspect that meets the mission of the CCHRB, which is "…to investigate problems or enhancements, support research, and disseminate information for economic design, construction, operation, and rehabilitation of high rise buildings." This includes, but is not necessarily limited to architecture, engineering, construction management, and real estate.
- Graduate students are eligible; highly qualified senior and junior-level undergraduate students are also encouraged to apply.
- You must have at least one, and preferably two, semesters remaining.

Selection Criteria
CCHRB will select the applicant(s) who have best demonstrated that they deserve to receive an award. The Questionnaire is open book, and meant to gauge awareness of the complexities and challenges in high rise design and construction. Your personal statement should be focused on your connection to the purpose of the CCHRB. Other selection criteria include academic achievement, community service, extracurricular activities, and financial need.

Application Requirements
Please provide the following:

1. Your completed CCHRB scholarship application.
2. Your transcript; an unofficial transcript signed by your faculty advisor is acceptable.
3. Two letters of recommendation; preferably from an advisor, professor, or department head.
4. Completion of the CCHRB Scholarship Questionnaire which requires essay answers.
5. A one-page essay-style personal statement summarizing the practicality, originality, and applicability of your academic pursuits to the purpose of the CCHRB (see www.cchrb.org).
6. A statement from your college or university showing: (1) your expected family contribution, (2) your cost of attendance, and (3) total scholarships and financial aid already received, if any. Alternatively, state if you have no financial need.

Deadline
Please send your application by email on or before March 31, 2026 to Jim Pawlikowski at jpawlikowski@datumengineers.com. The recipient will be selected and announced in May 2026. CCHRB reserves the right to not award the scholarship.

2026 CCHRB Member Institutions

The CCHRB annual scholarship program supports eligible students at any college or university with an alumnus who serves as a member of the CCHRB. The following list represents all universities currently represented by CCHRB members. If you are currently enrolled at one of these institutions, you are eligible to apply for the 2026 CCHRB scholarship, assuming you meet the other eligibility requirements listed on the Scholarship Application. If your institution is not listed below, unfortunately you are not eligible to apply for the scholarship.

Bradley University
Clemson University
Columbia University
Cornel University
DePaul University
Illinois Institute of Technology
Iowa State University
Kansas State University
Lake Forest Graduate School of Management
Lehigh University
Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Michigan Technical University
Milwaukee School of Engineering
Northwestern University
Oklahoma State University
Penn State University
Purdue University
Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute
Stanford University
The Citadel
University of California Berkeley
University of British Columbia
University of Chicago
University of Cincinnati
University of Detroit Mercy
University of Illinois at Chicago
University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
University of Iowa
University of Kansas
University of Maryland
University of Michigan
University of Missouri
University of Nebraska
University of Notre Dame
University of Pennsylvania
University of Pittsburgh
University of Texas at Austin
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Washington University
Webster University
Western Illinois University

2026 CCHRB Scholarship Application

Name:

Email Address:
Phone number:

University Address:

Permanent Address (if different):

Please tell us about your academic status as follows:

_____ # of credits required to graduate for the degree you currently are pursuing
_____ # of credits completed to date (not including classes for the current term)
_____ # of credits currently in progress for the current term

In what month and year do you expect to graduate? _______________
Are you an undergraduate who will become a graduate student in the coming year? ___________

Please also include the following:

- ◻ Your transcript; an unofficial transcript endorsed as authentic by your faculty advisor is acceptable.
- ◻ Two letters of recommendation these can be sent separately by email to Jim Pawlikowski at jpawlikowski@datumengineers.com. Please list names of writers.
- ◻ The completed CCHRB Scholarship Questionnaire.
- ◻ An essay-style personal statement.
- ◻ A statement from your school's financial aid office showing your expected family contribution/financial need (if no financial need, write none).

Please reference the 2026 CCHRB Scholarship Announcement for all other information and eligibility requirements.

Thank you for applying, and Good Luck! Questions?
Contact Jim Pawlikowski by email - jpawlikowski@datumengineers.com

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2026 CCHRB SCHOLARSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

The essay questions (open book) listed below are to be answered by all CCHRB Scholarship applicants. The goal of this exercise is to evaluate the applicants understanding of the complexities of high rise building design and construction. Each question should be answered in sentence form with a minimum of one paragraph per question. Please answer each question with a maximum 200 words.

1. Name and describe three factors that will serve to drive the future design and construction of high rise building construction.

2. Focus on your specific discipline (architecture, engineering, or construction management). What is the single largest threat to the design and construction of high rise buildings?

3. Explain why a particular high rise building embodies the essences of high rise design, structure, construction, and building usage.

4. What areas of research are needed to advance the design and construction of the future high rise building?