



**Building Industry**  
CHARITABLE FOUNDATION  
**STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

### About the Foundation

The Building Industry Charitable Foundation (formerly known as the HBA of Greater Columbia Charitable Foundation, Inc.) was incorporated under S.C. Law in 1993 under bequest from the Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia, which provided the initial funding. The Foundation was established for the purpose of contributing to individuals, programs and organizations in need of assistance.

The work of the Foundation is wide reaching and provides assistance to programs benefiting young and old alike, including the awarding of student scholarships to children of those families in the housing industry. The Foundation, in its work, highlights the commitment and generosity of the building industry to a better quality of life for all residents of the Midlands of South Carolina.

### Eligibility

Scholarship applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior accepted by or currently enrolled in an accredited two-year junior college or technical college or a four-year university in South Carolina. (Applications for out-of-state institutions to be considered on a case-by-case basis)
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a four-point scale.

The **“Ernie Magaro Scholarship”** may be awarded to an individual nominated by a member of The Building Industry Association of Central SC with priority given to financial need, academic excellence and the pursuit of a four-year degree from a public school in South Carolina with a concentration in residential construction and/or land development. The Board of Trustees of the Charitable Foundation will determine the amount awarded, generally not to exceed \$5,000 per student per year.

The **“John B. Nieri Scholarship”** may be awarded to an individual nominated by a member of The Building Industry Association of Central SC with priority given to financial need and to an individual pursuing a construction related degree. The Board of Trustees of the Charitable Foundation will determine the amount awarded, generally not to exceed \$3,000 per student per year.

The **“Jon Ryall Scholarship”** may be awarded to an individual nominated by a member of The Building Association of Central SC with priority given to financial need, academic excellence and the pursuit of a four-year degree from Clemson University. The Board of Trustees of the Charitable Foundation will determine the amount awarded, generally not to exceed \$2,000 per student per year.

The **“Sales & Marketing Council Scholarship”** may be awarded to an individual nominated by a member in good standing of the Building Industry of Central SC Sales & Marketing Council, with priority given to financial need, academic excellence and to an individual pursuing a degree in one of the following: marketing, advertising or real estate. The Board of Trustees of the Charitable Foundation will determine the amount awarded, generally not to exceed \$1,500 per student per year.

The **"Building Industry Scholarship"** may be awarded to members in good standing of the Building Industry of Central SC, their children, or BIA employees, to assist those children in their pursuit of a post-secondary degree. Scholarship applicants must be a child of a parent who has been an active member of the BIA of Central SC and have been a member for a period of at least 5 years.

\*Scholarship amounts are awarded based on the following criteria: academic excellence, applicant interview, financial need, and BIA member's service. The Selection Committee weighs each of these areas as follows: academic excellence (25%), interview (20%), financial need (30%), and BIA member's service (25%). Trustees have the right to waive the grade point average based on majority consent and approval of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

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The **"Palmetto Place Scholarship"** may be awarded to residents of Palmetto Place to assist in their pursuit of a post-secondary degree. Scholarship applicants must:

- Be a graduating high school senior accepted by or currently enrolled in an accredited two-year junior college or technical college or four year college or university in South Carolina (out-of-state institutions to be considered case-by-case) AND
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a four-point scale.

The **"Franklin David Clark 'The Dash' Scholarship"** may be awarded to an individual nominated by a member of The Building Association of Central SC with priority given to financial need, academic excellence and the pursuit of a four-year degree from the University of South Carolina with a degree in Business and an interest in employment within the construction field. The Board of Trustees of the Charitable Foundation will determine the amount awarded, generally not to exceed \$1,500 per student per year.

The amount of the award to be determined by the Board of Trustees of the Charitable Foundation on an annual basis.

## **Selection**

The Scholarship Selection Committee meets in the spring of each year to review scholarship applications. Awards will be made by the Trustees pursuant to adopted procedures and by final approval of the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

## **Awards/Funding**

Scholarship funding is obtained by BIA member contributions; proceeds from the BIA Golf Classic and return on investments.

Student scholarship applicants must be available for interview if requested by the Trustees. The scholarship will be paid directly to the college or university for the benefit of the student. Renewal of scholarships may be awarded to previous Foundation Scholarship recipients who remain enrolled in a post-secondary institution for under graduate studies only.

Applications for the Building Industry Charitable Foundation Scholarship may be picked up at the BIA Office at 625 Taylor Street in Downtown Columbia.

For applications, please contact Alex Williams at 803.256.6238 or [awilliams@columbiabuilders.com](mailto:awilliams@columbiabuilders.com)

**\*Transcripts must accompany application submission.**

**Applications are due by Monday April 12, 2021 (NO EXCEPTIONS)**