

2025 Leo Casagrande Memorial Scholarship Application

Deadline: April 15, 2025

The Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section (BSCES) of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), a non-profit organization, dedicates itself to:

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- assuring that our built environment is well attended to serve the needs of the public, and
- assuring our natural environment is given the needed attention to sustain for future generations.

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The BSCES Leo Casagrande Scholarship is a scholarship established in memory of Leo Casagrande, a highly respected professional in the field of civil engineering. Leo Casagrande, a former faculty member at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT), made significant contributions to the field, particularly in soil mechanics and geotechnical engineering.

This scholarship is awarded to students pursuing a bachelor's or graduate degree with a geotechnical focus. It aims to support and recognize exceptional students who are dedicated to the advancement of civil engineering. The scholarship serves as a tribute to Casagrande's legacy and his lasting impact on the profession.

This merit-based scholarship is for the fall semester of the academic year beginning in the fall of 2025 and has a total value of \$2,000. This award may be used for tuition, books, housing, or other education-related needs.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the Leo Casagrande Memorial Scholarship, an applicant must:

- Be a BSCES Student Member attending a Massachusetts college or university and accepted for admission or enrolled in an [ABET](#) accredited program for a bachelor's or graduate degree with a geotechnical engineering focus.
- Be still pursuing your degree for at least one semester after the fall 2025 semester for which the scholarship is awarded.
- Demonstrate a strong interest in pursuing a career in civil engineering with an emphasis in geotechnical engineering.

How to Apply

Assemble the application in the following order.

1. Student Scholarship Application Form (the application is a fillable form). An online version of this application is available [here](#).
2. Two letters of recommendation. These letters should be no longer than one page and addressed to the Leo Casagrande Scholarship.
 - a. One letter of recommendation must be from college/university faculty.
 - b. The second letter of recommendation may be from anyone you choose, such as a teacher or employer (excluding family members).
3. An essay, no more than 1,200 words, describing your future and interest in the emphasis of geotechnical engineering of civil engineering, and how your experience demonstrates achievement or promise in the emphasis of geotechnical engineering of civil engineering.
4. One copy of your official college or university transcript.

Your application must be submitted online no later than Tuesday, April 15, 2025, at bsces@engineers.org.

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Evaluation Criteria

Eligible scholarship applicants will be rated on the basis of academic achievement, demonstrated commitment to a career in civil engineering with an emphasis on geotechnical engineering, leadership and engagement both on-and off-campus, submitted essay, and letters of recommendation. Scholarship finalists may be asked to participate in a virtual interview at the discretion of the selection committee.

Members of the ASCE Geo-Institute Boston Chapter will review applications for completion, rate each applicant, select and interview the finalists, and recommend a scholarship recipient for the BSCES Board of Government's consideration and approval. The 2025 Leo Casagrande Memorial Scholarship recipient will be recognized for their achievement during the BSCES Annual Awards Dinner in June.

If you have any questions during the application process, please contact: bsces@engineers.org or call 617/227-5551.

Personal Information		
<i>Please list your name on the top of all application form pages.</i>		
Applicant Name:		
Home Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Phone:	Email Address:	
Date of Birth:		
Gender:	Pronouns:	

College/University Information		
<i>Please list the contact information for the institution you are currently attending.</i>		
Institution:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	State:	Zip:
Registrar Office Telephone:		
Major:	Grade Point Average (GPA):	
Current Year in School:	Graduation Year:	
Degree to be Achieved Upon Graduation:		

Extracurricular Activities		
<i>List all on/off campus extracurricular information you consider significant, beginning with the most recent and working back chronologically. Emphasis will be given to activities connected to the transportation and/or construction industries. Do not list every detail about every position or activity. Rather, provide a general sense of your responsibilities and commitment.</i>		
Date Range	Activity	Description

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Work Experience <i>List employment during the school year and your summer break. Submit additional sheet if necessary, using this format.</i>		
Dates	Place of Employment	Job Duties/Hours Worked

Honors and Scholarships <i>These may or may not be academic-related. Submit additional sheet if necessary, using this format.</i>			
Date of Award	Sponsor	Name of Award	Award Description

Essay: The essay should discuss your future and interest in a career in a geotechnical discipline of civil engineering, and how your experience demonstrates achievement or promise in such a field. The essay should be a typewritten or computer-printed essay of no more than 1,200 words. Please put your intended major at the top of the page.

Required Information <i>Applications without required signature will be disqualified.</i>
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To the best of my knowledge, the information presented on this application is complete and true.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

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