AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CIVIL ENGINEERS
METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES BRANCH
LOS ANGELES YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM

2026 LOS ANGELES YMF SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM VIDEO PROMPTS

Application Deadline: Friday, January 15th 2026

This document contains the essay prompts for the LA YMF, MLAB, and LA Section scholarships for the 2027 Student Night & Job Fair. Please carefully review the eligibility criteria and application instructions provided on the ASCE LA YMF Scholarship webpage before applying.

Video Submissions should be 2-3 minutes long, landscape, and in an MP4 file format. Applicants are to follow the naming file format according to the scholarship that they are applying for.

LOS ANGELES YOUNGER MEMBER FORUM (LA YMF) - $12,500

- **Outstanding Undergraduate Scholarship - $2,000**
- **Outstanding Graduate Scholarship - $2,000**

  Civil engineering is more than designing structures, building infrastructure, and solving technical challenges. It is about shaping communities, improving lives, and creating a lasting impact on the world around us.

  As part of the ASCE Los Angeles Younger Member Forum Student Night Job Fair Scholarship application, we invite you to create a short video sharing why you chose Civil Engineering, your current involvement, and what impacts do you envision making in the industry. Your video should reflect your individual experiences, aspirations, and commitment to the civil engineering profession.

  In your video, tell us your story and use the following to aid in the creation of your submission:

  - **Your Journey into Civil Engineering**
    - What inspired you to pursue civil engineering?
  - **Your Passion and Purpose**
    - How has your current involvement in ASCE contributed to your overall industry development?
    - How has your school's curriculum set you up for success in the future?
  - **Your Vision for the Future**
    - How do you plan to make an impact on the civil engineering profession?
    - How do you envision using your education and career to improve society?

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- **Engineering Visionary Scholarship (2) - $1,750**
  As climate change continues to become more prevalent, communities face increasing threats from rising sea levels, extreme weather events, and resource scarcity. How can artificial intelligence (AI) be incorporated to support innovative infrastructure systems and sustainable solutions that address these challenges? **Propose an visionary infrastructure project or initiative that incorporates AI to enhance climate resilience, improve resource management, or promote environmental sustainability.** Discuss the engineering concepts, technologies, and implementation strategies involved, as well as the potential long-term benefits to the community and environment it would support.

- **Pathways Scholarship (4) - $1,000**
  Civil engineering shapes the foundation of every community, yet the profession relies on each generation to open doors for the next. **How do you plan to use your education, leadership, and career in civil service to mentor, inspire, and carve pathways for future civil engineers?**

DR. BILL GOODIN SCHOLARSHIPS - $5,500

- **Outstanding Student Mentor (2) - $1,500**
- **Outstanding Student Mentor (2) - $1,250**
  Talk about someone who has inspired, guided, or encouraged you throughout your education career in Civil Engineering. What impact have they had on you? What do you hope to do to mentor the next generation of Civil Engineers?

METROPOLITAN LOS ANGELES BRANCH (MLAB) - $4,000

MLAB Scholarships are only open to full-time students attending CSULA, CSUN, LMU, UCLA, and USC.

- **Outstanding Undergraduate Student - $2,000**
- **Outstanding Graduate Student - $2,000**
  With the 2028 Summer Olympics approaching, Los Angeles will enter the world stage, welcoming thousands of athletes, spectators, and visitors from around the world. You have been commissioned as a Civil Engineer to propose a new infrastructure project that would help Los Angeles accommodate the demands of the Olympic Games. **Describe an infrastructure project that you would implement, regardless of civil engineering**

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discipline, that you believe would benefit the city. Explain the purpose of your project, the engineering concepts involved, the challenges associated with its implementation, and the potential long-term benefits it could provide to the City of Los Angeles.

- **Civic Legacy Scholarship - $1,000**
  As the world becomes increasingly interconnected, envision an ambitious civil engineering project that would interconnect nations—whether through tunnels, bridges, or digital infrastructure. **How would your design foster collaboration, trade, and cultural exchange while overcoming engineering limitations?**

- **Le Val Lund Memorial Scholarship - $1,000**
  Civil engineers play a vital role in rebuilding communities after natural disasters. **Describe a project that would prepare the Los Angeles region for future impacts**. This project should not only restore infrastructure, but also redefine resilience, ensuring that communities emerge stronger and better prepared for the challenges that lay ahead.

LOS ANGELES SECTION (LA SECTION) - $2,000

- **Outstanding Undergraduate Student - $1,000**
- **Outstanding Graduate Student - $1,000**
  Diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) play an important role in shaping the civil engineering profession and the communities it serves. Civil engineers design, construct, and maintain infrastructure that impacts people from all backgrounds and socioeconomic groups. **Discuss how civil engineering projects and infrastructure can influence equity, health, and accessibility.** Additionally, identify opportunities for the profession to promote greater diversity, equity, and inclusion within the industry and the built environment.