

2026-2027 College Scholarship

Awards:

Multiple scholarships will be awarded this academic year, with a minimum of \$7,000 in total scholarship funding distributed among selected recipients. The highest-ranked applicant will receive the largest scholarship award.

Degree Program:

Applicants must be enrolled full-time in an accredited college, university, or community college program. Eligible applicants include:

- Students pursuing an associate's degree with the intent to transfer into an ABET-accredited Civil Engineering program and a demonstrated interest in Transportation or Traffic Engineering.
- Undergraduate students pursuing a Civil Engineering degree with emphasis, concentration, or demonstrated interest in Transportation or Traffic Engineering.
- Graduate students pursuing a degree in Transportation Engineering, Traffic Engineering, or a closely related transportation field.

A student is considered full-time if he/she is taking at least 12 credit hours toward an undergraduate degree or 9 credit hours toward a graduate degree.

Location:

Attend a university or college in the ITE South Texas Section area or have a permanent address in the ITE South Texas Section area. The ITE South Texas Section area is defined as the following Counties: Aransas, Atascosa, Bandera, Bee, Bexar, Blanco, Brooks, Calhoun, Cameron, Comal, Dewitt, Dimmit, Duval, Edwards, El Paso, Frio, Gillespie, Goliad, Gonzales, Guadalupe, Hidalgo, Jim Hogg, Jim Wells, Karnes, Kendall, Kennedy, Kerr, Kinney, Kleberg, La Salle, Live Oak, Maverick, McMullen, Medina, Nueces, Real, Refugio, San Patricio, Starr, Uvalde, Val Verde, Victoria, Webb, Willacy, Wilson, Zapata, Zavala.

Conditions:

Selection criteria will be based on academic ability, financial need, stated career objectives, and responses to short-answer questions. To be eligible, candidates must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident and meet the degree program and location criteria described above. Past recipients of this scholarship are eligible.



Application Packet must include:

1. One (1) Transcript showing previous courses (transcript does not need to be officially sealed but does need to be generated by the school);
2. One (1) list of proposed courses to complete remaining undergraduate or graduate degree;
3. One (1) resume describing work experience, extracurricular activities, awards/honors, research, or professional organizations (describe specific involvement); and
4. One (1) completed application form with signature (Short answer questions may be answered in the space provided or in a separate word doc).

Deadline:

Postmarked or emailed (a single pdf) no later than **11:59 PM CDT Friday, October 16, 2026.**

Availability:

Scholarships are applicable to the Fall 2026 and/or Spring 2027 semesters. Scholarship recipients will be notified no later than **Friday, November 20, 2026.** Recipients are encouraged to attend one South Texas ITE event or meeting of his/her choice during the awarded academic year. The awards will be provided at the ITE South Texas year-end Banquet 2026.

Emailed application pdf format to: Royal Bhandari (rbhandari@gftinc.com) and sotexite@gmail.com

or mailed application to:

ITE South Texas Scholarship
Attn: Royal Bhandari
PO BOX 461571
San Antonio, TX 78246

2026-2027 Scholarship Application

Applicant Information			
Full Name			
Permanent Address			
Mailing address while at School (if different)			
E-Mail Address			
Telephone Number			
Educational and Background Information			
College / University			
Expected Date of Graduation	Month/Year		
Anticipated Degree (s)			
Major			
Academic Performance			
Major GPA		Overall GPA	
Application Materials to submit			
Does your completed application include: • Unofficial Transcripts? • Proposed List of Courses? • Resume? • Did you sign the last page of the applications form? • Is your school or residence in one of the South Texas ITE counties (see cover page)? • Are you a US Citizen or Permanent resident? Note: If you answered "No" to any of these questions, do not include all of the required materials, or do not completely fill out the application, your application will be rejected.			

Short Answer Questions

1. Write a brief paragraph about yourself, including something unique that is not mentioned on your resume. (max ½ page, single-spaced)

2. Describe a person, event, project, or any relevant coursework that sparked your interest in the transportation industry and how this person(s) or event has impacted/inspired you. (max ½ page, single-spaced)

3. Scenario: You are being recruited for a role requiring significant technical proficiency and prompt decision-making to help the project manager. Share your strategy for quickly acquiring these skills in a dynamic office environment and how you would work together with the team towards the deliverables and meeting goals. (max ½ page, single-spaced)

4. How do you plan to leverage this scholarship opportunity to further your education and career goals? (max ½ page, single-spaced)



Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) Statement:

Artificial intelligence tools, such as large language models, have valuable applications across many fields, and transportation professionals continue to embrace innovative approaches to advance the profession. However, these tools should not be used in scholarship applications, where an applicant's own merit is the primary basis for evaluation.

We strongly encourage all applicants to complete this application in their own words and ideas. Submissions generated or written with the assistance of AI tools (such as ChatGPT or similar platforms) may not accurately represent your experiences, goals, or qualifications, and their use is strongly discouraged.

If you choose to use AI tools to assist in crafting your responses, you must clearly disclose this within your application and provide an explanation of how and why they were used.

The scholarship review committee is looking for authenticity, originality, and an honest reflection of your achievements and aspirations. While the use of AI-generated content will not automatically disqualify you, the committee will take into account the extent and manner of AI usage when evaluating your responses.

☐ By checking this box, I affirm that I have used generative artificial intelligence in developing my responses to this scholarship application, and I will provide an explanation below describing how and why I used it.

☐ By checking this box, I affirm that I have not used generative artificial intelligence in developing my responses to this scholarship application.

Response:

Student Signature:

Date:
