



February 2017

Announcement of the 2017 \$7,500 Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Scholarship

To Prospective Applicants:

The principals of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. (SGH) have established the Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Scholarship with the Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section/American Society of Civil Engineers (BSCES) to encourage undergraduate college students who strive for excellence and who aspire to a career in civil engineering. It has been our experience as a firm and as individuals that the field of civil engineering provides technically challenging assignments while offering an opportunity to make a significant contribution to society.

SGH supports the civil engineering profession and wishes to encourage gifted students in the pursuit of their careers. We welcome your participation in this scholarship opportunity.

What is the Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Scholarship?

SGH established this scholarship with BSCES in 1997 to encourage students in the pursuit of civil engineering as a profession. In 2017, the scholarship amount will be \$7,500 in the form of a check presented to the scholarship winner.

Who may apply?

All undergraduate-level civil engineering majors who are members of an ASCE Student Chapter or Club in Massachusetts, who have completed a minimum of two-and-one-half years of a four-year program (current juniors, or equivalent in a five-year or part-time program), and who expect to complete their undergraduate degree in May 2017 or later are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

Review of the Application

Applications will be judged with equal weight given to three categories: professional presentation in the letter of introduction and resume, quality of ideas expressed and clarity of communication demonstrated in the one-page essay, and capabilities reflected in college/university transcript(s).

A three-person committee consisting of two representatives of BSCES and one Principal of SGH will judge applications. Decisions of the committee will be final. Leading candidates may be asked to meet with members of the review committee. BSCES reserves the option of publishing applicants' essays in *BSCES News* and/or *Civil Engineering Practice*.

Presentation of the Award

The recipient of the scholarship will be announced at the 2017 BSCES Student Night the evening of Tuesday, 28 March 2017, at Wentworth Institute of Technology. The award recipient will be notified in advance of the meeting and will be invited to attend Student Night as a guest of SGH.

Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Scholarship 2017 APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

How to apply

Students interested in applying for the Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Scholarship are asked to submit the following:

- A one-page letter introducing the applicant and summarizing their qualifications.
- A resume demonstrating the applicant's academic record, professional employment (in engineering or related fields), other employment, professional activities (membership and participation in professional organizations such as ASCE, SWE, EWB, etc.), and personal items of interest.
- A one-page essay demonstrating the applicant's writing ability and expressing original thought. The topic for the 2017 essay is the following:

President Trump has stated that he plans to make a \$1 trillion investment in US infrastructure. Such a pronouncement is a familiar theme of newly elected presidents, yet the 2013 ASCE Report Card assigned US infrastructure an overall grade of D+, and estimated, at that time, \$3.6 trillion in investment would be needed by 2020 to bring US infrastructure up to modern standards. The ASCE definition of infrastructure includes aviation, energy, transit, dams, inland waterways, urban runoff, drinking water, wastewater, roads, and dams.

Identify a specific piece or segment of infrastructure from your everyday life that you feel needs to be part of the next \$1 trillion investment in infrastructure. Improvements can be as large as a re-imagined transportation system, as "concrete" as a bridge replacement, or small as adding bicycle storage at a public transportation stop to improve utilization. Propose an improvement scheme and develop an argument to convince the public why this improvement is needed.

- Official college and/or university transcript(s).

Send hard copy applications to:

Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Scholarship Committee
Boston Society of Civil Engineers Section/ASCE
The Engineering Center
One Walnut Street
Boston, MA 02108-3616

For more information, please contact:

Robert W. Keene
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781-907-9000 or rwkeene@sgh.com

Applications can be submitted by hard copy to the address above or e-mailed (PDF format) to Robert Keene at rwkeene@sgh.com with the subject "SGH Scholarship". Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, 17 March 2017. If submitting electronically, a hard copy application may be required at a later date. Applications will not be returned.