



NCEES
foundation



What is the NCEES Foundation?

The NCEES Foundation is the philanthropic arm of the National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying. The Foundation is committed to supporting programs that further the NCEES mission to advance licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

Applying for funding through the NCEES Foundation

The NCEES Foundation prioritizes proposals that demonstrate a clear connection to advancing engineering and surveying licensure to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Award funding for each organization in 2026 ranged from \$10,000–\$100,000. There are no restrictions on how much funding can be requested by organizations each year.

- Promote the value of engineering and surveying licensure within the professions or to the general public
- Build the pipeline of future engineers and surveyors at the K–12 level
- Keep current engineering and surveying students enrolled and/or successful in their respective programs

Why engineering and surveying licensure matters

Professional engineering and surveying licensure provides public protection. The safety of buildings, bridges, roads, and other structures and technologies used in our everyday lives depends on licensed

professional engineers and surveyors who have successfully demonstrated a level of competence through education, experience, and examination requirements.



How professional licensure protects the public



STANDARDS

Professional licensure for engineers and surveyors provides a baseline level of proven standards necessary to protect the public. Education, experience, and examinations are the three pillars of public protection.



QUALIFICATIONS

Public protection is particularly critical in highly complex, technical professions where the public does not have the specialized knowledge needed to evaluate qualifications and performance.



ACCOUNTABILITY

Once licensed, professional engineers and surveyors must adhere to a strict code of conduct that requires them to practice in a manner that safeguards the health, safety, and welfare of the public.

NCEES Foundation timeline

- FEB** ♦ Applicants must submit a **letter of inquiry (LOI)** between October 1 and February 1.
- APR** ♦ Invitations to submit a full proposal will be issued on April 1.
- MAY** ♦ Full proposals must be submitted by May 1.
- AUG** ♦ Funding will be formally announced in August.
- SEPT** ♦ Funds will be distributed mid-September.

Donating to the NCEES Foundation

Find your reason for giving and contribute to a cause that matters to you—licensure. As a professional engineer or surveyor, you have dedicated your professional career to protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Giving to the NCEES Foundation will help future generations follow in your footsteps and uphold a continued emphasis on protecting the public.

Annual giving levels

BRONZE | UP TO \$250

SILVER | \$250-\$500

GOLD | \$501-\$1,000

PLATINUM | OVER \$1,000



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