



About the Foundation

The Building Industry Charitable Foundation (formerly known as the HBA of Greater Columbia Charitable Foundation, Inc.) was incorporated under S.C. Law in 1993 under bequest from the Home Builders Association of Greater Columbia, which provided the initial funding. The Foundation was established for the purpose of contributing to individuals, programs and organizations in need of assistance.

The work of the Foundation is wide reaching and provides assistance to programs benefiting young and old alike, including the awarding of student scholarships to children of those families in the housing industry. The Foundation, in its work, highlights the commitment and generosity of the building industry to a better quality of life for all residents of the Midlands of South Carolina.

About the BIA Sales & Marketing Council

The Sales & Marketing Council of Columbia (SMC) encourages and maintains a high quality of sales and marketing expertise through educational programs, networking opportunities and recognition for its members. The SMC exists within the Building Industry Association of Central South Carolina (BIA of Central SC) to educate and improve the sales and marketing skills of member builders, REALTORS®, on-site sales representatives and industry support members.

Selection

The Scholarship Selection Committee meets in the spring of each year to review scholarship applications. Awards will be made by the Trustees pursuant to adopted procedures and by final approval of the Foundation's Board of Trustees. Applicants who have already been awarded a scholarship in previous years have an ongoing duty to reapply each year. Furthermore, recipients who fail to reapply will not be considered for scholarship for the year. Finally, Trustees have the right to change the applicant's scholarship classification.

Each application must include a copy of the applicant's academic transcript. Although not required, applicants are encouraged to include a resume. Applications are due no later than **Monday April 17, 2023 at 12:00pm (NO EXCEPTIONS).**

For questions about scholarships or the application process, please contact Makenzie Brown at makenzie@columbiabuilders.com.

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Scholarship Information & Eligibility

Sales & Marketing Council Scholarship

This scholarship may be awarded to members or children of members in good standing of the Building Industry of Central SC Sales & Marketing Council. The purpose of this scholarship is to assist in their pursuit of a post-secondary degree. The Board of Trustees of the Charitable Foundation will determine the amount awarded, generally not to exceed \$1,500 per student per year. Priority will be given to applicant's who present financial need and academic excellence.

Eligibility:

All scholarship applicants must satisfy the following academic requirements:

- Be a graduating high school senior accepted by or currently enrolled in an accredited two-year junior college, technical college, or a four-year university in South Carolina; and
- Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.8 on a four-point scale for four-year schools, and 2.0 on a four-point scale for two-year schools.
Trustees have the right to waive the grade point average based on majority consent and approval of the Foundation's Board of Trustees
- Applicant must be a child of a parent who has been a member in good standing of the Building Industry of Central SC Sales & Marketing Council for a period of at least 3 years.
 - If applicant fails to meet this requirement, a member in good standing of the Building Industry of Central SC Sales & Marketing Council SC for a period of at least 3 years may nominate the applicant.
- Applicant is pursuing a degree in one of the following: marketing, advertising, or real estate.

Note: Application for out-of-state institutions to be considered on a case-by-case basis.