

**MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER
PROFESSIONAL LAND SURVEYORS OF OHIO, INC.
SCHOLARSHIP AWARD
RULES AND QUALIFICATIONS**

GENERAL:

The Miami Valley Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio (PLSO) may present, annually, a scholarship award(s) to pay towards tuition expenses of students qualified as described below. This scholarship(s) will be available to students preparing for either their final year of a Surveying or Geomatics Degree/Certificate Program at an Associate of Applied Science level or their Junior or Senior years of a Surveying or Geomatics Degree Program at a four year Bachelor of Science level. Consideration will be given for students pursuing licensure under Ohio Revised Code § 4733.11(B)(2)(b).

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this scholarship is to honor and promote those students seeking a career in surveying who will represent the future of the surveying profession in Ohio and support the mission of PLSO.

ELIGIBILITY:

The eligibility of the applicant is determined by the following elements. The student applicant must meet, or exceed, each of these elements to be considered eligible for the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO scholarship award.

1. The student must be enrolled in a Surveying-related Degree/Certificate Program at a state accredited college or university.
 - a. A “Surveying-related” program includes civil engineering, civil engineering technology, geomatics, mapping and other degree and/or certificate programs that align with the practice of surveying as defined by Ohio Revised Code Section 4733.01(G).
2. It is preferred, but not required, that the student either resides or works within the boundaries of the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO which includes the counties of Champaign, Clark, Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery and Preble.
3. The student must be prepared for their final year of a two year Surveying-related Degree/Certificate Program at an Associate of Applied Science level; or the Junior or Senior year of a Surveying-related Program at a four year Bachelor of Science level.
4. The student must have an accumulated grade point average of 2.5 or above, based on a 4.0 system, for the core curriculum in the Surveying-related Degree/Certificate Program.
5. The student must be recommended for this award by a faculty member within the surveying department of the student’s school or by a member, in good-standing, of PLSO.

6. The student must show a continued drive to become a practicing surveyor and exhibit those qualities which are essential in becoming a professional person. This is demonstrated through the supplemental writing included in the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO Scholarship Application form.
7. No student may receive more than two (2) scholarships awarded by the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO. Other scholarships awarded by local chapters or through the Columbus Foundation will not affect eligibility for the Miami Valley Chapter scholarship.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

Recipients will be chosen based upon the data and information provided in the application form and the required supplemental materials. The selection criteria will be used by the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO Scholarship Committee and weighting applied as follows:

- Candidate resides or works within the geographical limit of the Miami Valley Chapter – 40%
- Recommendation from faculty advisor or PLSO member – 20%
- Academic competence based upon official transcript – 20%
- Professional aspirations based upon goals and objectives described in the essay – 20%

The applicant is encouraged to be a participative student member of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio, if applicable. Membership applications are available at www.ohiosurveyor.org

STUDENT APPLICATION:

A student may inquire as to the procedure involved in applying for this scholarship through his/her faculty advisor or the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO. Completed application forms and other requested materials shall be submitted to the Miami Valley Chapter PLSO Scholarship Committee no later than June 1 of each year. Application forms will be available from the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO or through the Surveying Department of their school. A student who has applied and been rejected for the State PLSO Annual Memorial Scholarship may be considered for Miami Valley Chapter PLSO scholarship award; however a completed Miami Valley Chapter scholarship application must be submitted.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE:

The Miami Valley Chapter of the Professional Land Surveyors of Ohio Scholarship Committee will be comprised of the Treasurer, the Vice President and one at-large member of the chapter. The Scholarship Committee will be responsible for reviewing applications, verifying the recommendation letters submitted by the students seeking this scholarship and to make the final recommendations to the Miami Valley Chapter of PLSO Executive Committee.

AWARD:

At the Miami Valley Chapter's regular July meeting, the Scholarship Committee shall present to the Executive Committee of the chapter, the name(s) of the student(s) recommended for the award(s). The Executive Committee shall then present the recommendation for final approval by a majority vote of the professional membership in attendance. The recognition of the award(s) will then be announced immediately thereafter. Each scholarship awarded shall be paid directly to the school in the name of the student by August 10.

The scholarship monies available for each award will be determined annually by the voting membership.

Scholarship award shall be 100% for the recipient enrolled as full-time status and shall be a reduced percentage for part-time status as determined by the ratio of hours enrolled to the minimum hours required for full-time status. Full-time and part-time status shall be based upon the criteria established by the college or university at which the applicant is enrolled.

**AS ADOPTED BY THE MIAMI VALLEY CHAPTER OF THE PROFESSIONAL
LAND SURVEYORS OF OHIO; SEPTEMBER 27, 1995, REVISED MARCH 27, 1996;
REVISED JANUARY 23, 2008; REVISED SEPTEMBER 26, 2018.**

10. What is your expected graduation date: _____

11. Are you a student member of PLSO? Yes No

12. Do you desire to remain in Ohio after graduation? Yes No

13. On a separate sheet of paper, in 300 words or less, state why you are pursuing an education in surveying, describe your goals and objectives in this profession.