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TO: University Architecture Departments for Graduate and Undergraduate Students
FROM: Jennifer Tolman, Office Assistant, Concrete Masonry Association of California and Nevada (CMACN)
RE: Year-round, \$1000 - \$1,500 ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIP for the study of concrete block masonry

Dear Professors, Staff, and Students:

Concrete Masonry Association of California and Nevada, a non-profit organization, is pleased to announce we have continued our scholarship program in 2026, open year-round, for graduate and undergraduate level architecture students who study concrete block masonry as an architectural building envelope material at a four-year university in California or Nevada.

As an association of concrete block manufacturers, CMACN's mission is to strengthen the masonry industry in California and Nevada by providing technical information resources on concrete block masonry for design professionals, protect and advance the interests of the concrete block masonry industry, develop new and existing markets for concrete block masonry products, and coordinate our members' efforts in solving common problems within the masonry industry. CMACN develops, monitors, and coordinates test programs, research projects, and specification updates. We publish technical and educational data, and both receive and disseminate recommendations for improved product use. To this end, we have established a scholarship program to promote the study of concrete block masonry as a subject in California and Nevada.

Each Architecture Scholarship recipient will receive \$1000 - \$1,500 along with a copy of the *TMS Masonry Designers' Guide* and CMACN's *California Nevada Supplement to TMS Masonry Designer's Guide*. All scholarship recipients must return to California or Nevada universities the following semester as architecture students. **There is no predetermined number of scholarship awardees; selections are determined by application question responses.** For more information about CMACN scholarships, visit www.cmacn.org. For more information about concrete block masonry, visit www.whymasonry.org.

REQUIREMENTS: Scholarship requests should be submitted via email or mail on the attached application along with answers to the questions located at the bottom. For your application to be complete, a departmental recommender must also email or mail a dated and signed letter of recommendation on your behalf. (Letters of recommendation will only be accepted from the recommender, NOT the applicant.) To be considered for a specific scholarship, your completed application, question answers, and letter of recommendation must be emailed or postmarked no later than the closure dates listed below:

<u>Scholarship</u>	<u>Application Closure Date</u>
Spring Scholarship	Monday, March 9, 2026
Summer Scholarship	Monday, June 1, 2026
Fall Scholarship	Tuesday, September 1, 2026 *Legacy Memorial Scholarship applications due
Winter Scholarship	Monday, December 7, 2026

Individuals may only receive ONE CMACN scholarship award per calendar year (January – December). Repeat applicants and previous awardees are welcome to apply. All scholarship applicants will be notified of award status approximately two months after the scholarship application closure date. Applications suspected of ANY AI use, including Grammarly, or utilizing answers previously submitted will be disqualified.

Please call or email if you have questions regarding this matter.

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ARCHITECTURE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

(For California and Nevada Undergraduate and Graduate Students)

To be presented by

**CONCRETE MASONRY ASSOCIATION
OF CALIFORNIA AND NEVADA**

**\$1000 - \$1,500 FOR THE STUDY OF CONCRETE BLOCK MASONRY
IN THE FIELD OF ARCHITECTURE**

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Spring Application – **Monday, March 9, 2026**

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Scholarship Applying for: Spring Summer Fall Winter

Are you a previous CMACN scholarship recipient? Yes No If so, when? _____

Applicant Name: _____

Permanent Address: _____
Street Number & Name _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ E-mail Address: _____

University: _____

Year of study: _____ Continuing at same university next semester? Yes No

Reason(s) for not returning to same university: _____

Please submit this completed application along with a brief answer to the following multipart question via email or USPS mail. Also have at least one university faculty member submit a dated and signed letter of recommendation via email or USPS mail. (Letter MUST come directly from the recommender.)

1. Why **MASONRY**? i.e., (A.) When designing a building envelope, how will you determine/influence what building material(s) to incorporate? (B.) Why and when would you choose concrete **block** masonry? (C.) Please include a discussion of the interface of concrete **block** masonry with other building materials, the energy benefits and lifecycle advantages of concrete **block** masonry vs. other building materials.

Send completed application, question response, and have a faculty letter of recommendation sent to:

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