



MECA Memorial Scholarship 2026

The MECA Memorial Scholarship was established by the Minnesota Erosion Control Association (MECA) in 2007. MECA wishes to award this \$1,000 scholarship to an individual who wants to pursue an engineering or science degree with an emphasis on erosion and sediment control or stormwater management.

QUALIFICATIONS:

- To be eligible for the MECA Memorial Scholarship, you must be a student with intent to complete an engineering or science degree.
- You should also demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career involving stormwater management or erosion and sediment control.
- You must have a grade point average of 2.5 and be a Minnesota resident. Your college does not have to be located within the state of Minnesota. Both new college students and those currently enrolled are encouraged to apply.

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Fill out the Scholarship Application form (below).
2. Submit an essay. Write an essay stating why you feel you deserve to receive the MECA Memorial Scholarship. Please indicate your objectives, and information about your educational, career, and personal goals. Demonstrate your talent by writing about any special interests or special circumstances that you may wish the selection committee to consider. Include information on evidence of leadership and community service. **Essay format:** One page, 11 point font size with 1" margins. Use your name and essay name as the title.

Return your application and essay by mail or email (digital copy is preferred) to:

Minnesota Erosion Control Association
7113 County Road 5
Rice, MN 56367
meca@mnerosion.org

Application Deadline: November 1, 2025

The application must be postmarked or sent via email no later than November 1, 2025. For more information, contact the Minnesota Erosion Control Association at (320) 685-5444 or meca@mnerosion.org

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Once awarded, proof of school registration for the upcoming semester is required before release of the scholarship check. You must furnish any other applicable transcripts you would like the Scholarship Committee to consider. All applicants will be notified, by email, of their eligibility and the results of their applications. The MECA Board of Directors reserve the right to abstain from awarding an annual scholarship. The scholarship winner will be invited to attend the Minnesota Erosion Control Association's annual conference in January.



\$1,000 Scholarship Application Minnesota Erosion Control Association MECA Memorial Scholarship 2026

Name: _____

Address: _____ Phone: _____

City/State/Zip: _____ Email: _____

EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

College attending next semester: _____

College address: _____

Major: _____ Expected graduation date: _____

College GPA: _____ High School GPA: _____

List other college(s) attended, units completed and GPA:

ACTIVITIES/COMMUNITY SERVICE INFORMATION:

List any activities or community service that you have participated in.

ESSAY:

Please attach your essay stating why you feel you deserve to receive the MECA Scholarship.
(Instructions listed above.)

SIGNATURE:

I understand that submission of this application authorizes the scholarship committee to obtain my college transcript. I authorize the release of all the foregoing scholarship information and/or materials. I also give permission to release my name to the sponsors, newspapers and college website for publicity.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received by: _____ Date: _____ Mail Email

Received: Application Essay

Scholarship Committee:
Meets Criteria? Yes No If no, explain: _____

Funding recommendation: Yes No

Board Action: Approved Rejected Board Meeting Date: _____