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2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION PACKET

Receipt Deadline – April 1, 2026

Future Builders of America (FBA) is program of Home Builders Institute, a 501(c)3, non-profit organization. The FBA mission is to engage in construction-related educational activities that help young people understand and pursue rewarding careers in the construction industry.

FBA created a scholarship fund to assist in addressing the pressing need for a better educated and trained construction industry workforce. Traditionally, at least 10% of FBA's general operating budget is set aside to be awarded annually through the scholarship program. Since 2000, FBA has awarded over $136,000 in scholarship funds to students interested in a career in the construction industry.

Scholarship applications are available to FBA Chapters in January of each year. Awards should be available in May and will be paid according to the type of scholarship being applied for. FBA offers three types of scholarships as noted:

Tools of the Trade – Intended for High School Students going directly into the construction industry and who are in need of assistance to purchase the proper tools for that particular job. Scholarships will be paid directly to the employer to assist with purchasing the required tools.

Accelerated Skills Training Programs (AST) – Intended for Students that are pursuing short–term training in a variety of construction skills. Scholarships will be paid directly to the training institution.

College Tuition – Intended for Students in good standing at a Florida secondary education program or post-secondary education who are pursuing a construction related career. Scholarships will be paid directly to the school.

Application Deadline	Applications should be received at the FBA office by Friday, **April 1, 2026**. Applications received after the deadline may not be considered.
Eligibility	Students should be Florida high school seniors or currently enrolled in a post-secondary program in Florida and are pursuing a construction industry related career. Chapter FBA Participation is preferable but not required.
Process	Applications are reviewed individually and objectively scored by an independent committee – criteria include academic performance, financial need, construction experience, and participation in FBA activities.

To be considered, the following MUST BE INCLUDED with application depending on the type of scholarship applying for:

1) **A minimum of ONE Academic Recommendation is required – in a sealed envelope with the recommender's signature written across the seal. TWO recommendations would be helpful but are not required. Required for all application types.**
2) **Brief Essay by applicant explaining your interest in becoming a professional in the construction industry. Identify and describe your experience with the construction industry and career goals. (Please do not exceed one page, minimum font size is 12pt. If written, please print). Required for all application types.**
3) **1st page ONLY of the most recent 1040 for head of household (Black out any SSN's). Required for AST Program and College Tuition Applications.**
4) **School Transcripts – Required for College Tuition Applications only.**

Submit Application and all supporting documents to:

Home Builders Institute - FBA Program
PO Box 429
Jensen Beach, FL 34958

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APPLICANT INFORMATION		
Applicant's Name:		
Applicant's Address:	City:	Zip:
Phone Number:	Email Address:	
Guardian Name:	Phone:	
School Currently Attending:		GPA:
Current Grade: Field of Study:		Age:
Besides FBA, list any other Extra Curricular Activities:		

APPLICATION TYPE (Select only 1)

Tools of the Trade ☐ Accelerated Skills Training ☐ College ☐

EMPLOYER INFORMATION (Tools of the Trade Only)

Employer's Name: Email Address:

Address: City: Zip: Phone:

SCHOOL INFORMATION (AST & College Only)

Full name of School you will be attending:

Anticipated Cost for Housing: Tuition: Books: Other: Total:

FBA CHAPTER INVOLVEMENT (Additional Room on Pg 2)

Are/Were you a member of FBA? Yes ☐ No ☐ Chapter? Years Participated:

List the FBA Activities you have participated in over the past, INCLUDE YEAR:

VOLUNTEER / WORK HISTORY (Additional Room on Pg 2)

Do you do volunteer work? Yes ☐ No ☐	Organization:	Avg Hrs/Wk:
Are you currently employed? Yes ☐ No ☐	Employer:	Avg Hrs/Wk:
Previous Employers:		

AWARDS / HONORS RECEIVED / ACCOMPLISHMENTS (Include Year Earned) (Additional Room on Pg 2)

Awards & Honors:

Accomplishments:

NOTE: Be sure to include your essay and a minimum of one instructor or advisor recommendation with your application. If any documentation is missing or spaces left blank, your application will NOT be considered.

By my signature below, I affirm that the information provided is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I authorize FBA to verify the correctness of these statements to appraise this application. I also authorize FBA to use information about and from my application for public relations purposes and for other scholarship or funding opportunities.

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

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Page 2 (Please print or type)

Applicant's Name:	
(Cont'd from Pg 1) FBA Participation over the past 2 years, INCLUDE Year	
(Cont'd from Pg 1) Companies or Organizations you currently volunteer for	
(Cont'd from Pg 1) Companies or Organizations you've recently worked for	
(Cont'd from Pg 1) Awards, Honors & Accomplishments (INCLUDE Year)	

APPLICATION CHECK LIST:

Completed Application: _____ Student Essay: _____ Academic Recommendation (Min. of 1 Required): _____
Page **ONE ONLY** of most recent 1040 for Head of Household (Black out SSN's): _____ (AST & College Apps only)
Current School Transcripts with GPA: _____ (College App only)

APPLICATIONS ARE DUE NO LATER THAN APRIL 1, 2026

Signature: _____ Printed Name: _____ Date: _____

Questions? Please contact us at 772-370-4713 or via email at Cindy.Hall@HBI.org

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ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION FORM

(**MINIMUM OF ONE REQUIRED**…Please print or type)

1) Applicant _____

Name *School*

Instructions to Applicant: Complete Sections 1 & 2 and give this form to the instructor or advisor who is familiar with your academic work. You should allow at least two weeks for completion of the form. Your recommender should return the form to you in a sealed envelope, signed across the seal, for you to include with your application.

2) Courses – provide courses taken from the person recommending you, if any:

Course Number	Course Title	When Taken	Grade

Please indicate any other personal association you have had with the person recommending you.

Instructions to Recommender: Please complete this form and return it to the applicant in a sealed envelope, with your signature across the seal. The applicant must submit your recommendation as part of his/her completed application by the **RECEIPT** deadline. If you do not know the applicant well or unable to make a judgment in a particular category, please indicate this. Such frankness will not prejudice the candidate's application for funding.

How long have you known the applicant? _____ In what capacity? _____

What contributions has the applicant made on campus and to the Community? _____

Please rate the applicant compared to a representative group of students you have known during your career:

	Superior (Top 1%)	Outstanding (Top 5%)	Excellent (Top 20%)	Good (Top 1/3)	Avg./Poor (Lower 1/2)	Unable to judge
Intellectual ability						
Ability to work with others						
Leadership ability						
Problem-solving skills						
Initiative						
Dependability/Maturity						
Overall potential						

Many talented individuals achieve marginal academic records. In your opinion is the applicant's academic record an accurate index of his/her academic ability? ☐ YES ☐ NO ☐ Don't know

If your answer is NO, please explain briefly on the back of this form, giving consideration to the applicant's work schedule and other conflicts.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Recommender's Name (Please print or type) _____

School _____ **Title** _____

Email _____ **Phone** _____

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Essay by Applicant _____

Please explain why you are interested in becoming a professional in the housing industry. Identify and describe your experience with the construction industry and career goals.
(Please do not exceed one page, minimum font size is 12pt. If written, please print. Use this sheet if handwritten or attach a sheet to this form if printed).

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