

Mortenson Undergraduate Scholarship Award Process

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This process is managed by Gretchen Lee, Scholarship Coordinator for the College of Engineering & Applied Science, on behalf of the College of Engineering and Applied Science Undergraduate Scholarship Committee.

In accordance with the Mortenson Center in Engineering for Developing Communities Pure Endowment Fund Agreement, section 2.D., a portion of the distributions shall be used to provide student support to undergraduate students who are engaged in Mortenson Center activities. The initial allocation (as shown in section 7.D.) is ten percent of the annual distribution, which currently equates to \$20,000 per year. Nominees are solicited from the Mortenson Center leadership group, and the scholarships are awarded by the College of Engineering and Applied Science's Undergraduate Scholarship Committee. The awards are renewable at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

The process and timeline is as follows:

During the period between mid-October and March 1, current freshman, sophomore, junior and senior students with cumulative CU-Boulder grade-point averages of at least a 3.000 are encouraged to apply for scholarships using the online application at <https://engineering.colorado.edu/scholarships/merit/>. Students receive multiple email reminders to apply for the College's merit scholarships during this time.

Each May, the College's Scholarship Coordinator requests a list of students involved in Mortenson Center programs and projects and/or the CU Chapter of Engineers without Borders-USA. The Managing Director of the Mortenson Center will solicit nominations from faculty affiliated with the center, and will then forward those names to the Scholarship Coordinator. The Coordinator then reviews the list of prospective recipients to determine which ones have qualifying CU-Boulder cumulative GPAs (typically 3.000 is the College's minimum standard for merit-based scholarships) and are enrolled in coursework that will fulfill requirements towards an undergraduate degree in engineering. In most cases, the student must also have a Merit Scholarship Application on file. If the students on the list submitted by the Mortenson Center Managing Director qualify, they are the first to be awarded Mortenson scholarships. If there are not enough of these students to use the full allocation of Mortenson funds, then the Scholarship Coordinator is authorized by the fund agreement to make awards to other civil, environmental or architectural majors. The Scholarship Coordinator prioritizes offers to students who are scholarship applicants and who either listed Mortenson as an employer that they would like to work for or those who list areas of interest that align with the donor's interests.

The fund agreement stipulates that the Mortenson Scholarship amount shall average \$2,500 per scholarship per year, and that the awards are renewable at the discretion of the Undergraduate Scholarship Committee.

Once the scholarships are awarded, the College Scholarship Coordinator forwards the list of names and amounts to the Managing Director of the Mortenson Center so that the information can be included in reports to the donors.

Recipients are typically notified in July and August.