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SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR ENGINEERING STUDENTS

SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS – September 2010 - The American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois (ACEC-Illinois) is currently accepting applications for its Annual Scholarship Awards Program. Eligible candidates must be U.S. citizens, currently enrolled in an Accreditation Board for Engineering & Technology (ABET) accredited engineering program in Illinois, pursuing a Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD degree, and entering their Junior, Senior, Fifth, Master's or Graduate year in the Fall of 2011.

Scholarship award winners will be selected by a committee of ACEC-Illinois Member Firm Principals and based on academic excellence, recommendations, and an essay addressing the topic "What is the role or responsibility of the consulting engineer or land surveyor relative to shaping and protecting the natural environment?" Scholarships will be awarded in June 2011.

Last year, ACEC-Illinois awarded scholarships totaling \$19,000 to 11 students at the state level. The top applicant received a \$4,000 scholarship; ten students each received a \$1,500 "Named" Scholarship sponsored by ACEC-Illinois Member Firms. In addition, each year the top applicant is forwarded to the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) for the National Scholarship program, where they compete for additional Scholarships Awards.

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Information and applications are available online at: www.acec-il.org/scholarship.cfm or contact the Dean of Engineering at an ABET accredited school in Illinois: Bradley University, IIT-Chicago, Northern Illinois University, Northwestern University, Olivet Nazarene University, SIU-Carbondale, SIU-Edwardsville, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Chicago. The application deadline is January 14, 2011.

The American Council of Engineering Companies of Illinois is a statewide association of independent engineering firms which represents the business and professional interests of over 205 member firms, which together employ over 10,000 engineers, architects, technicians and support personnel. ACEC-Illinois is a member organization of the American Council of Engineering Companies, a federation of state and regional councils which represent the interests of more than 5,700 private-practice engineering firms.

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