



# Association of State Dam Safety Officials

2024/2025

# UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

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APPLICATION &  
ATTACHMENTS MUST  
BE POSTMARKED BY  
MARCH 25, 2024

**2023-2024 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:  
WILLIAM (BILLY) DEVERS  
NORWICH UNIVERSITY**

## BACKGROUND

The Association of State Dam Safety Officials (ASDSO) was founded in 1984 with these stated goals:

- To provide a forum for the exchange of ideas and experiences on dam safety issues.
- To foster interstate and inter-governmental cooperation in dam safety.
- To provide information and assistance to state dam safety programs and to the ASDSO membership.
- To provide representation of state interests before Congress and federal agencies responsible for dam safety.
- To improve the efficiency and effectiveness of state dam safety programs.

Recognizing that one of the keys to achieving these goals is the development of well-trained technical persons interested in one of the many scientific fields related to dam safety, ASDSO established its Dam Safety Scholarship Program in 1992.

## THE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships will be awarded for the **2024/2025** school year. At least one scholarship will be awarded, with up to \$20,000 in scholarship funds available. A travel stipend to the ASDSO Annual Conference may also be awarded in addition to the scholarship funds. Successful recipients must be U.S. citizens or lawful permanent residents and enrolled full-time at the **senior** level (during the 2024/2025 school year) in an accredited civil engineering program, or a related field as determined by ASDSO, and must demonstrate an interest in pursuing a career in hydraulics, hydrology or geotechnical disciplines, or in another discipline related to the design, construction and operation of dams. Undergraduate students planning to graduate in May/December 2025 will be eligible for the 2024 scholarship.

Minimum Criteria - Applicants must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.5 for the first three years of college, and be recommended by their academic advisor. They must also submit a typewritten essay on the topic: Describe your experience and interest in engineering. Where do you see yourself post-graduation?

Basis for Award - The basis for selection will generally follow these guidelines:

- Academic Scholarship
- Financial Need
- Work Experience/Activities
- Essay

ASDSO will be the final determiner in each instance as to which applicants will be recipients of a scholarship.

Final Application Date - Application forms can be obtained by writing to ASDSO at the address below and must be postmarked no later than **March 25, 2024**. Announcement of successful candidates will be made in **July 2024**.

## WHERE TO SEND APPLICATION

Send all applications and accompanying materials to:

Association of State Dam Safety Officials  
239 S. Limestone  
Lexington, Kentucky 40508

OR

email documents to Michaela Royse at [mroyse@damsafety.org](mailto:mroyse@damsafety.org)

*(Note that if using email, reference letters must be sent directly from the reference)*

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Additional applications are available at [www.damsafety.org/apply-scholarship](http://www.damsafety.org/apply-scholarship)

## A. APPLICATION INFORMATION:

Name (Mr. or Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Temporary Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address Where We Can Contact You In July 2024 \_\_\_\_\_

Student Member of ASDSO? Yes      No

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Are You A U.S. Citizen? Yes      No

## B. ACADEMIC ADVISOR:

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

## C. EDUCATIONAL INFORMATION:

College or University \_\_\_\_\_ Dates \_\_\_\_\_

Major Field of Study \_\_\_\_\_ Previous Degree(s) Received \_\_\_\_\_

Grade Point Average (for all college courses) \_\_\_\_\_ Class Rank \_\_\_\_\_

Anticipated Date of Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Have you previously been awarded a scholarship, fellowship or grant? Yes      No

If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_ Amount? \_\_\_\_\_

**D. ATTACH THE FOLLOWING TO THIS APPLICATION:**

1. Official transcripts of all university education (up through Fall 2023 semester)
2. Three letters of recommendation, one of which must be from the academic advisor  
(Copy the attached Reference Form as needed.)
3. Essay including proposed curriculum of study

**E. ESSAY:**

Prepare a typewritten essay of approximately 500 words on the topic:

- 1) What is your proposed curriculum of study?
- 2) Describe your experience and interest in engineering. Where do you see yourself post-graduation?

Place the title and your name at the top of the page.

## F. CONFIDENTIAL FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

This section should be completed by the parent, guardian, or applicant (if self-supporting). If this section is not completed, it will be assumed that no financial need exists.

1. Family's Gross Annual Income \$\_\_\_\_\_ and Net Taxable Income \$\_\_\_\_\_ for year \_\_\_\_\_ (as reported to the IRS).
2. Number of other children who will be in college during the next four years, and the estimated annual amount to be contributed by the family toward their education (exclude the applicant). \_\_\_\_\_
3. Information on Applicant's Father:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living? Yes No Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
4. Information on Applicant's Mother:  
Name \_\_\_\_\_ Living? Yes No Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
5. Information on Applicant if Self-Supporting:  
Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_
6. Name of individual who supports the applicant \_\_\_\_\_
7. Annual Education Costs \_\_\_\_\_
8. If the individual named in #6 is someone other than Applicant's father or mother, please complete the following:  
Relationship of Individual to Applicant \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_  
State \_\_\_\_ Employer \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

*I hereby certify the information in this section accurately reflects my current financial status.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Signature of Parent, Guardian, or Applicant*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Date*

## G. ACTIVITIES:

Work Experience. List the jobs (including part-time and summer jobs) you have held since entering college.

1. Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

2. Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

3. Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

4. Employer \_\_\_\_\_

Duties \_\_\_\_\_

Activities. List your on-campus and off-campus extracurricular activities (other than jobs), in the order of interest to you, in which you have been involved since entering college. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required).

1. Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Your Most Significant Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

2. Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Your Most Significant Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

3. Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Your Most Significant Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

4. Activity \_\_\_\_\_

Your Most Significant Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Professional Activities and Memberships. List professional activities and memberships (other than jobs) in which you have been involved during college. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required.)

1. Activity or Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Your Most Significant Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

2. Activity or Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Your Most Significant Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

3. Activity or Membership \_\_\_\_\_

Your Most Significant Contribution \_\_\_\_\_

Honors. List and describe any special honors and scholarships you have won, either in or out of school, since you entered college. (Please continue on a separate sheet if required.)

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#### **H. Additional Information**

ASDSO would like to know how you heard about this scholarship competition in order to improve student outreach communication. Please mark all that apply:

Facebook    Twitter    LinkedIn    Scholarships.com

Professor or advisor (please provide name) \_\_\_\_\_

Employer (please provide name of contact) \_\_\_\_\_

Other (please describe) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

# ASSOCIATION OF STATE DAM SAFETY OFFICIALS SCHOLARSHIP REFERENCE FORM

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions to the writer: Please state below your opinion of the applicant's abilities as a student or employee and potential for future leadership in the field of dam engineering and safety. Any additional comments you might wish to make are welcome.

When you have completed the form, please place it in an envelope, seal the envelope, sign your name across the sealed flap to ensure confidentiality, and give the envelope to the applicant so the applicant can return a complete application. Emailed letters will also be accepted if **sent directly from reference** to Michaela Royse at [mroyse@damsafety.org](mailto:mroyse@damsafety.org)

Date applicant can be expected to complete degree requirements: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Name (Printed or Typed) \_\_\_\_\_

Position or Title \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_