

BILL AND SHIREEN KIRK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Scholarships will be awarded annually to third or fourth year undergraduate, masters, or doctoral students who exhibit need and are interested in pursuing degrees in business, chemistry, civil engineering, construction management, marketing or sales.

ABOUT BILL AND SHIREEN KIRK

Bill and Shireen Kirk endowed the Kirk Scholars Program in 2019, working with the Asphalt Institute Foundation as program administrator. Bill was born and raised in Roanoke, VA, and graduated from Hampden-Sydney College. Upon graduation he worked for Shell, and later became President of Fuel Oil and Equipment Company in 1988. Fuel Oil would later change its name to Associated Asphalt, where Bill served as President and Chief Executive Officer for over thirty years, overseeing its operations and expansion. Shireen Kirk was born in Northern Ireland and grew up in Norfolk, VA. She graduated from the College of William and Mary and George Mason University School of Law. Shireen went on to practice law at various firms and eventually transitioned to General Counsel for Associated Asphalt. Both Bill and Shireen have been involved with numerous boards and non-profits over the years.

The Kirk Scholars Program was created to assist need-based students with higher education costs. The Kirks are grateful for the wonderful professional and personal opportunities they have been afforded. This endowed scholarship fund enables them to assist and enrich the lives of the next generation of business and community leaders.

ELIGIBILITY AND GUIDELINES

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- Applicants must be classified as juniors or seniors in bachelors degree programs, or will be candidates for degrees in masters or doctorate degree programs, in the academic years for which the scholarship awards are granted.
- Applicants must be pursuing their degree in one (or more) of the following areas: business, chemistry, civil engineering, construction management, marketing or sales. Preference will be given to students who have a focus on civil infrastructure, particularly in the study of asphalt materials and its use.
- Applicants can be from any U.S. state. Preference will be given to residents of Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia or West Virginia.
- Applicants must exhibit a financial need. Applicants should include a financial need assessment for the upcoming school year.
- Recipients must be a full-time student each semester, unless an exception is requested in writing and approved. Withdrawal from school, except for serious illness or injury, shall result in the recipient losing the scholarship.
- Recipients will be required to furnish a transcript and status report at the end of each semester before additional monies are awarded.
- Scholarship monies will be payable directly to the recipients chosen college or university. Monies will be applied to qualified education expenses including: tuition, books, and course-related fees. Scholarship funds are not available for housing/utility expense (room & board), food/dining plans, or personal expenses such as vehicle loans, medical expenses, etc.
- The Kirk Scholars Program Review Panel will make the final determination on all cases concerning the interpretation of the eligibility, guidelines and rules of the scholarship fund.

All application and support material must be submitted by March 1 to
stanner@asphaltfoundation.org.

BILL AND SHIREEN KIRK SCHOLARSHIP FUND APPLICATION

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Mobile Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Are you a prior recipient of the Kirk Scholarship Program? Yes No
If yes, indicate year and scholarship amount: _____

SCHOOL INFORMATION

College/University: _____

Major: _____ Minor: _____

Student Classification for 2024-2025 School Year:
 Undergraduate – Junior Undergraduate – Senior Master's Doctorate

Future Career Choice: _____

Expected Graduation Date: _____

ACADEMICS

Cumulative Grade Point Average: _____

**Attach a transcript of your grades.*

RESUME

**Please attach a one-page resume highlighting your education, community service, extra-curricular activities and work experience.*

EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES AND CAREER GOALS - NARRATIVE

**In 500 words or less, explain your educational objectives and career goals and how receiving this scholarship will help successfully complete your education. Narrative should clearly state your education and career goals for the next 5-10 years.*

FINANCIAL NEED ASSESSMENT

**Complete the following financial need assessment, providing an estimate of how much money will be available to finance your education for the upcoming school year. Include estimated expenses for tuition, books and other educational fees. Please also include an estimate of funds that may be available to you from other scholarships, financial aid, personal college/family savings, or a full-time/part-time job. If applicable, please attach a copy of your most recent FAFSA form.*

Cost of Tuition (2024-2025 School Year) \$ _____

Cost of Books (2024-2025 School Year) \$ _____

Educational Fees (lab/school fees) \$ _____

Total Cost for 2024-2025 School Year \$ _____

Scholarship #1 _____ \$ _____

Scholarship #2 _____ \$ _____

Scholarship #3 _____ \$ _____

Scholarship #4 _____ \$ _____

Financial Aid \$ _____

Student Loans \$ _____

Family Contribution/Savings \$ _____

Full/Part-Time Employment \$ _____

Total Funds Available for 2024-2025 School Year \$ _____

**Indicate Total Amount of Scholarship Funds
Needed to Finance the 2024-2025 School Year** \$ _____

FINANCIAL NEED - NARRATIVE

**In 500 words or less, explain how you are funding your college education. Be sure to explain whether you have received outside scholarship funds; rely on financial aid assistance or student loans; utilizing personal savings; or, if family contributions are helping you finance your education.*

LETTERS OF RECOMMENDATION

**Attach letters of recommendation describing characteristics such as citizenship, responsibility and potential. Two (2) letters are required and one must be from a college professor or instructor. Letters of recommendation can also be emailed to: stanner@asphaltfoundation.org*

I hereby affirm that the information contained in this application is accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature _____