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**Fellow ASCE Members:**

The Oklahoma Section of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) encourages the advancement of the Civil Engineering profession by capable and interested students. We desire to financially assist our local young engineering students and are soliciting gifts to increase the principal of the ASCE Scholarship Fund. There are currently two \$500 scholarships awarded each year; one to an OSU student and the other to an OU student pursuing a Civil or Environmental Engineering degree. Although \$500 is better than nothing, we know we can do better.

**HISTORY** - For years the Section has maintained a line item in the annual budget to provide these two scholarships. In the past, the funding the Section has been able to generate from dues and other activities has not provided an opportunity for the amounts of these scholarships to keep up with the increases in the cost of tuition, books and fees.

**GOALS** - We are working with the OKC Community Foundation (OCCF). The OCCF was selected to assist us in the oversight and daily operation of the ASCE Scholarship Fund at a nominal annual fee. The ASCE Scholarship Fund can be found at the following web site, [www.occf.org/occf/scholarship\\_center](http://www.occf.org/occf/scholarship_center).

We can award up to 5% of the Fund's balance in scholarships each year without decreasing the principal amount in the fund. With a current balance of a little more than \$10,000; we have to raise another \$10K to be able to distribute the \$1,000 in scholarships. It would require and additional \$20K to double that amount. Our immediate goal is to increase the fund to be able to provide two \$1,000 scholarships; one for each university. Future goals include growing the Scholarship Fund to a level that we allow us the opportunity to not only increase the amount of the scholarships each year, but also the number of scholarships that can be awarded as well.

The Oklahoma Section is looking to our statewide ASCE membership, small businesses and corporations to assist us in growing the ASCE Scholarship Fund. As a combined body of over 700 members strong, this is an attainable goal. If every member could just contribute \$25 (TAX DEDUCTIBLE) by Dec. 31st, then we would have over \$27,000 by the end of the year!

**BENEFITS** - We also want to use this as an opportunity to introduce ourselves as a professional organization, a group of businessmen and community leaders that care about our young engineers. There will be a page on the Oklahoma Section web site describing the Fund and its purpose and will include a list of all donors to the Fund and each year's scholarship recipients with pictures of the recipients at the award banquet. Donors will also be recognized at the awards banquet.

We want to thank you for your support of ASCE, the civil engineering community and the ASCE Scholarship Fund that will assist all future generation in their development as leaders in our society and our world. Enclosed is an envelope that may be returned directly to the OCCF. If you have any questions, please contact any of the board members.

Sincerely,

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