

Caltrans District 11 Dekema Scholarship

About the Dekema Scholarship



The Dekema Scholarship honors the accomplishments of the late Jacob Dekema, District 11 Director from 1955 to 1980. He is credited with shaping much of San Diego County's freeway system, including Interstate 805, which is named after the transportation pioneer.

The scholarship has three sponsors that are committed to excellence in transportation. They include the Caltrans District 11 Employees' Committee, the California Transportation Foundation, and the San Diego Highway Development Association.

Applications are now being accepted for the 2020 Dekema Scholarship. This year, two \$1,000 scholarships will be awarded.

Applications due by June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must meet the following eligibility requirements:

- U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or documented international student
- High school senior in California or student from a California state accredited college, with a GPA of 2.5 or higher
- Pursuing or plan to pursue a course of study and career in transportation, including, but not limited to:
 - Administration
 - Construction Management
 - Engineering
 - Environmental Studies
 - Public Affairs or Public Policy
 - City, Regional, or Urban Planning
 - Finance
 - Geography
 - Information Technology

Application Materials

The Dekema Scholarship is competitive and will be based upon applicants' specific transportation goals, academic records, and transportation-related activities or job skills. Each applicant must submit the following materials:

- A completed [scholarship application \(PDF\)](#) , ([DOCX](#))
- A written statement (approximately 500 words) outlining career goals
- A letter of recommendation by a professor, teacher, advisor or supervisor
- Latest report card for high school students or transcripts for college students
- Proof of enrollment

Deadline

The completed application is due by **June 12, 2020, at 11:59 p.m.**

Incomplete or late applications will not be accepted.

Send completed applications either by:

Email to: Nicholas.Buenviaje@dot.ca.gov

(The email subject line should include: Dekema Scholarship – Your Name)

Or by United States Postal Service (USPS) to:

Caltrans
Dekema Scholarship – Attn: M. Scheib
4050 Taylor Street, M.S. 121
San Diego, CA 92110

Selection Process and Award Notification

A panel of transportation professionals will review all applications. After careful review, two recipients will be notified by July 27, 2020. Scholarship recipients will be acknowledged in the Caltrans newsletter Freeways and Faces and the California Transportation Foundation website. Scholarships will be awarded in the summer/fall of 2020.

Note: The Dekema Scholarship selection process is open and competitive. No member of the selection committee will be related to any scholarship applicant. The scholarship awards will be made without discrimination.

If you have any questions regarding the application process or need an application, please contact Nicholas Buenviaje at Nicholas.Buenviaje@dot.ca.gov or (619) 688-2556.