

SEAoO Education Awards - 2026

SEAoO is pleased to offer Educational Awards totaling \$5,000 to qualified undergraduate and graduate students in Ohio, who demonstrate an interest in a Structural Engineering career. **Applications need to be received by February 27, 2026. Entrants will have an online portal for video submissions due by March 31st.** Education Award recipients will be announced June 16th, and awards will be presented during the SEAoO Annual Conference in Columbus on September 10, 2026. An editable application form is online at www.SEAoO.org, under [About Us/Committees/Basic Education Committee](#).

Awards:

- \$2,000 Grand Award, \$1,500 Second Place, \$1,000 Third Place
- \$500 Chapter Award to be presented to the SEAoO student chapter with the greatest number of applicants.
- All entries will receive free registration for the 2026 SEAoO Annual Conference.

Criteria for Applicants:

- Enrolled in Civil/Architectural Engineering curriculum at an Ohio ABET-accredited university, including:

Case Western Reserve University	Ohio University	University of Dayton
Cedarville University	The Ohio State University	University of Mount Union
Cleveland State University	University of Akron	University of Toledo
Ohio Northern University	University of Cincinnati	Youngstown State University
- Will be registered as a sophomore, junior, senior, or graduate student in Fall 2026.
- Currently plans to serve the Structural Engineering profession.
- Demonstrates leadership ability and character attributes.

Presentation Topics:

- Research and present a recorded video report for a structural engineering project or topic that you have firsthand knowledge of through a research project or employer. Presentations need to be created with permission of your supervisor. The topic of your presentation is not to mirror, duplicate, or be a condensed version of your academic research project or thesis.

Presentation Guidelines:

- Topic (focus on one): Education, Materials, Design, or Construction.
- Running time: Between 8 to 10 minutes.
- Recording requirement: The video should include both the presentation content and you on screen.
- Submission: Upload the recorded presentation and the graphics (PowerPoint, Prezi, etc.) as a separate files.
- Recommended outline:
 - Introduction: State the topic and its relevance.
 - Background: Brief context or history.
 - Technical Details: Core concepts, data, or findings.
 - Applications: Real-world examples or case studies.
 - Conclusion: Key takeaways and future outlook.
 - Sources: Include a slide listing your sources and interviewee(s) at the end of your video. This can include industry journals, magazines, and presentations. List any standards and employer data referenced. **At least one interview** with a Professional Engineer or Professor is **mandatory**.
- Use clear, professional visuals (charts, diagrams, models, photos, etc).
- Presentations should be written to an audience of practicing structural engineers. Content may be reproduced in SEAoO publications and posted on our website.
- AI is prohibited. Applicants must sign the AI agreement as part of their application.

Award Selection:

- Presentation videos will be judged on technical merit, effective communication, subject relevance, organization, and effort. SEAoO reserves the right to select award winners at its discretion.

Applications Due: February 27, 2026 Submission Due by March 31, 2026

Editable application form is online at: www.SEAoO.org, under About Us/Committees/Basic Education Committee <http://seao.org/group.php?group_id=15>. Please read SEAO Education Awards 2025 to determine your eligibility.

Last Name	First	Middle Initial	Email Address
Home Address	City	State	Zip Code
Your Address at School		City	State Zip Code
Primary Phone No.		Alternate Phone No.	
Ohio School (ABET Accredited University)		Fall 2025 I will be enrolled as a:	Years Attended
		<input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate	
Major/Minor		Expected Graduation Date	Current GPA
Faculty Advisor in Structural Engineering		Advisor's Email Address	
Student Organizations, Employment, Co-Ops, Extra-Curricular Activities, Etc. (limit to space provided.)			
Please provide a brief personal history of your interest in Structural Engineering. (limit to space provided.)			
SEAO reserves the right to select award winners at its discretion, and may reproduce your entry in our publications.			
I understand and acknowledge that I am required to create my presentation entirely on my own. I recognize that use of AI to generate facts or information will result in my immediate disqualification from the scholarship competition. By submitting my application, I agree to abide by these guidelines and uphold the expectations of academic integrity set forth by the scholarship committee.			
Signature of Applicant		Signature of Faculty Advisor	
date		date	

Please print or digitally sign your application. Email completed form by February 27, 2026 to: SEAO Basic Education Committee, c/o ben@seao.org
 Questions: Please contact Ben Van De Weghe at (937) 298-4631.

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