



2026-2027 Ben Urbonas Scholarship Application

The Colorado Association of Stormwater and Floodplain Managers (CASFM) has a **\$5,000** scholarship available to graduate students for the 2025–2026 academic year. Finished applications must be received by **November 2, 2026**.

Email combined application and essay in PDF by **November 2, 2026** to Saman Mehdi, saman.mehdi@atkinsrealis.com

Purpose

Promote interest in the CASFM organization and their goals among students and the engineering community. Applicants must be enrolled in a graduate program closely related to CASFM’s goals at a college or university in Colorado and be registered to take at least 3 credit hours of coursework per semester. Eligible programs of study include, but are not limited to: hydrology, hydraulics, watershed management, floodplain management, stormwater management, stormwater quality, emergency response, meteorology, and climatology. The scholarship recipient will also have the option to make a brief presentation on their research project at the 2027 CASFM Conference to be held September 27 to October 1, 2027 in Keystone. Registration and three nights’ lodging at the conference are included if the recipient commits to making a presentation by the registration deadline (typically in August). Visit www.casfm.org for more information.

Selection Process

Three applicants will be shortlisted based on this application, one-page resume, and a short essay describing their personal and career goals and how they relate to the goals of CASFM. Preference will be given to local applicants. Short-listed applicants will be notified by **November 13, 2026**. A panel will hold a short (approximately 20 minute) interview with short-listed applicants in mid-November. The successful candidate will be notified by **December 1, 2026**. Funds will be disbursed by check directly to the student. Previous recipients of a CASFM scholarship are not eligible.

Permission to Release Information

By signing this application, I certify that the information contained in this application is true and correct, and I authorize CASFM and its delegates to confirm and/or release any information included on this application. Signature is required to be considered for this scholarship.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

General Information

Name: _____
Email: _____
Phone: _____
Home Address: _____
School Address: _____

Academic History

Current College/University (at which scholarship would be applied)

Name: _____
Program/Field of Study: _____
Address: _____
Date Admitted: _____
Advisor: _____
Credits, Fall 2026: _____
Credits, Spring 2027: _____
Anticipated Degree and Date: _____
GPA: _____

Undergraduate College/University

Name: _____
Major/Minor: _____
Address: _____
Date Admitted: _____
Advisor: _____
Degree and Date: _____
GPA: _____

High School

Name, City & State: _____
Graduation Date: _____

References

Please provide three references, either academic, professional, or personal.

Reference 1

Name: _____

Employer/Position: _____

Address: _____

Type: (Academic / Professional / Personal)

Phone: _____

Dates Known: _____

Reference 2

Name: _____

Employer/Position: _____

Address: _____

Type: (Academic / Professional / Personal)

Phone: _____

Dates Known: _____

Reference 3

Name: _____

Employer/Position: _____

Address: _____

Type: (Academic / Professional / Personal)

Phone: _____

Dates Known: _____

CASFM Internship

Would you like to express interest in an internship with an employer affiliated with CASFM?

- Yes
- No

Resume/Relevant Work Experience

Please submit a one-page resume separately. Make sure to include:

- Previous employers;
 - Dates of employment;
 - Employer locations;
 - Positions held.
- I have attached my resume to this application

Short Essay

Please submit a short essay (500 words or less) describing your personal and career goals and how they relate to the goals of CASFM. Preference will be given to local applicants, so please also describe your connection to Colorado.

- I have attached my essay to this application