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AGC of Missouri Awards \$107,000 in Scholarships and Grants to 50 Students

[St. Louis | June 11, 2026] — The Associated General Contractors of Missouri (AGCMO) has awarded \$107,000 in scholarships and grants to 50 students pursuing careers in construction, engineering, project management and the skilled trades across Missouri and the Midwest.

Recipients include graduating high school seniors, current college and university students, apprentices and individuals pursuing technical and trade careers.

“These students are the future of our growing industry,” said Leonard Toenjes, CAE, president of AGCMO. “Construction continues to offer outstanding career opportunities including skilled trades, engineering, project management, safety, and many other options. AGCMO is proud to support the next generation of construction professionals as they prepare to enter a workforce that remains critically important to Missouri’s economy and growth.”

The scholarship program is supported through the AGCMO Education Foundation along with contributions from AGCMO leadership groups, memorial scholarships and industry partners.

Scholarship recipients are pursuing careers in:

- Construction management
- Civil engineering
- Architectural engineering
- Skilled trades and apprenticeship programs
- Heavy equipment operations
- Welding
- Electrical and mechanical trades
- Project management and related fields

“Meeting the challenges of a workforce shortage remains one of the construction industry’s greatest challenges,” Toenjes added. “At the same time, awareness of the benefits of construction careers continues to improve as students, parents and educators recognize the excellent wages, benefits, career advancement opportunities and technology-driven innovation available throughout the industry.”

AGCMO continues to support workforce recruitment efforts through its statewide Build My Future events, which introduce students to hands-on construction career opportunities including skilled trades, engineering, virtual design technologies and building, transportation, and infrastructure careers.



AGCMO will host multiple Build My Future events across Missouri this fall.

A complete list of scholarship recipients is available [here](#).

About AGC of Missouri

The Associated General Contractors of Missouri (AGCMO) is the leading association for the construction industry in Missouri, representing commercial contractors, specialty contractors, and industry service providers. AGCMO is dedicated to advancing the construction industry through advocacy, education, workforce development, and leadership. For more information, visit www.agcmo.org.

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