The Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA)

James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship

Who was James G. Browder, Jr.?

“Jamie” graduated with a Bachelor’s in Civil Engineering from Virginia Military Institute in 1966 and became a trainee with the Virginia Department of Highways and Transportation. At the time, the most ambitious engineering project in U.S. history, the interstate highway system, was in full swing.

Jamie served in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers during the late 1960s and returned to Virginia and the Highway Department in 1969, the year he enlisted in the Army Reserve. Jamie served as 80th Division Commander from 1997 until 2001.

Mr. Browder served as Chief Engineer with the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) from 1996 until he retired in 2000, where he was involved in the planning of the replacement West Point bridges.

In the spirit of the scholarship’s namesake, the annual award is made to students who exemplify the highest levels of dedication and commitment to excellence through their scholastic work and community achievements.

This scholarship program is sponsored by the Engineering Consultant membership of the VTCA. The scholarship provides support to freshman, sophomore or junior young men and women pursuing an undergraduate degree in Civil, Structural, or Environmental Engineering or Construction Management in an accredited four-year institution.

James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 120
Richmond, Virginia 23236-3692
Phone: 804-330-3312 / Fax: 804-330-3850
e-mail: kayla@vtca.org
web: www.vtca.org

Deadline: May 7, 2020
Please complete all sections of the application and return to: James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, 620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 120, Richmond, VA 23236-3692. A personal letter outlining your qualifications and demonstrating an interest in the transportation industries must accompany this form. We must also receive your transcripts and reference form from an academic member of your school. All materials must be received by May 7, 2020. Questions contact Kayla Singleton at 804-330-3312.

Name: _______________________________  _______________________________  _______________________________

Home Address: ____________________________________________ ________________________________
Number and Street                                         City                                      State           Zip

College Address: __________________________________________ ________________________________
(If applicable) Number and Street                          City                                      State           Zip

Telephone: ( ) ___________________   School Phone: ( ) ____________________    Birthdate: _________

E-mail Address: ____________________________________________

Are you related to someone, or are you an employee of VDOT or a VTCA Member Firm (Please circle one, and enter VDOT Division / Firm Name and the Name of the Employee):
  • Yes
    o Employee (Self) at ________________________________
      Name of VDOT Division or Member Firm
    o I am a spouse to __________________________ at __________________________
      Name of Employee                                      Name of VDOT Division or Member Firm
    o I am a dependent to ____________________________ at __________________________
      Name of Employee                                      Name of VDOT Division or Member Firm
  • No

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List all secondary schools attended (Name & City):

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Date of Graduation: ____________________________

Briefly list your high school and/or college extracurricular activities:

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What activities have you been involved in during your high school and/or college years that you believe have made you a better citizen of your school and community?

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What has interested you in a career in the transportation design and construction industry? Where applicable, explain how your previous work experience may relate to a construction industry career. Please use additional sheet if necessary.

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Employment Information

Please provide a brief summation of your employment history, beginning with your most recent or present job. If the position was a part-time one, indicate how many hours you worked each week. If necessary, use additional sheets.

From __________ to __________

Month/Year      Month/Year

Company name and type of business: ______________________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Supervisor's name and position: ____________________________________________

Your duties: __________________________________________________________

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From __________ to __________

Month/Year      Month/Year

Company name and type of business: __________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Supervisor's name and position: __________________________________________

Your duties: __________________________________________________________

________________________________________________________________________
Employment (Continued)

From __________ to __________
Month/Year      Month/Year

Company name and type of business: ____________________________________________________

Address: ____________________________________________________________

Supervisor’s name and position: __________________________________________

Your duties: __________________________________________________________

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Additional comments: Please provide any additional information that will help the selection committee to properly evaluate your application.

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I hereby certify that the information here is true and accurate. I understand that the VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship, if awarded to me, will be paid directly to the accredited higher education institution in compliance with the requirements of this scholarship. I give my permission for the information contained herein to be used in the evaluation of my application. I also understand that the references received by VTCA in support of my application will be held in confidence.

Signature of applicant: _______________________________  Date: _______________________________

To be considered complete, your application must be accompanied by the following:

• Personal letter outlining your qualifications and demonstrating an interest in the transportation industries

• Current college transcripts

• Reference form completed by a member of your academic community
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PROGRAM GUIDELINES

The VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship is funded and supported by the Engineering Consultant membership of the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance. Funding sources include but are not limited to direct contributions from VTCA members as well as funding from the Annual VTCA Consultant Forum.

Objective:

To provide financial assistance to qualified and deserving students attending institutions of higher learning specializing in engineering/technical curriculum related to the transportation industry. Eligible students will be a freshman, sophomore or junior enrolled in a four-year engineering or related technical program as a full-time undergraduate at an accredited university. Successful applicants will have a demonstrated desire to pursue a career within the transportation design and building industry. Evaluation of the applicants will take into consideration whether the applicant is a dependent of an employee of a VTCA member or the Virginia Department of Transportation.

Funding:

The scholarship is funded through voluntary contributions of the engineering membership of the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance. The amount of the scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year will be up to $2000 each.

Eligibility:

1. Applicants must be enrolled full-time in a four-year engineering program at an accredited college or university and must be in one of the following programs:
   - Civil Engineering
   - Structural Engineering
   - Environmental Engineering
   - Construction Management

2. This program is for undergraduates only. Applicants must be a freshman, sophomore or junior. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.

3. A recipient of a scholarship in one year may apply the following year.
Application Process:

Candidates must submit:

1. A personal letter outlining qualifications and demonstrating an interest in the transportation construction industries.
2. Current college transcripts.
3. Reference form completed by a member of the applicant's academic community.

Entries must be received by May 7, 2020 for the 2020-2021 scholarship.

Evaluation and Selection:

The VTCA James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship Awards Committee will evaluate the applications and select the successful candidate. The criteria for selection include academic performance, employment experience, extracurricular and leadership activities and a demonstrated interest in the transportation industries. Applicants may be required to meet personally with members of the selection committee. Selections will be announced in June. In the event no qualified students apply, the committee reserves the right to not award the scholarship.

For Further Information:

For an application package or for more information visit our web site at www.vtca.org and click on Resources or contact Kayla Singleton at VTCA, 804-330-3312, fax 804-330-3850, e-mail kayla@vtca.org.
VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION CONSTRUCTION ALLIANCE

REFERENCE FORM
(To be completed by a member of the applicant’s academic community)

Person to complete form: ________________________________________________________

Return to: Kayla Singleton
James G. Browder, Jr. Memorial Scholarship
620 Moorefield Park Drive, Suite 120
Richmond, VA 23236-3692
804-330-3312, 804-330-3850 fax

Your name has been given as a reference by the applicant named below, who has applied for a scholarship from the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance (VTCA). Your evaluation is important to us in considering this application, and we ask that you comment fully. All comments will be used only for evaluation purposes and will be kept confidential. The applicant and his or her parent/guardian have consented to the confidentiality of your evaluation, as evidenced by their signatures on the reverse.

Please complete this form and mail it to VTCA so that we will receive it by May 7, 2020. The applicant is considered responsible for submission of all required forms by this date.

Name of Applicant: ________________________________________________________________

First               Middle               Last

How long have you known the applicant? _____________________________________________

In what capacities? ________________________________________________________________

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(over, please)
Please rate each characteristic listed, using a scale of 0 to 10, with 10 being Superior and 0 being Poor.

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Cooperation

Courtesy

Completeness of Assignments

Extracurricular Activities

Initiative

Leadership

Maturity

Integrity

Please provide a brief narrative description of your knowledge of the applicant's abilities, character and need/desire for a scholarship.

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Signature                                                  Title

Department                                                  Date

Thank you for your assistance.

I hereby establish a confidential reference file with the Virginia Transportation Construction Alliance in connection with my scholarship application.

Applicant                                                  Date