

## Introduction

The CSI Southwest Region (SWR) believes that the best tools for improving the construction industry are education and communication among all members of our AEC community. Paul Simonsen, Distinguished Member of CSI, was one of our industry experts and he selflessly donated his time to educate and mentor students and emerging professionals. The SWR is proud to continue Paul's legacy by establishing this scholarship award in his memory.

Every year, the SWR holds a Region Conference to promote education, networking, and involvement with CSI. The location of the conference rotates among the various chapters that comprise the SWR. The SWR is excited to provide a scholarship award for one person to attend the annual CSI Southwest Region Conference. The recipient will be a Student or Emerging Professional who expresses an interest in CSI and has a desire to expand their understanding and knowledge of construction documents, architecture, and related disciplines in the design and construction industry.

With the Paul Simonsen Memorial Scholarship Award, we challenge applicants to share their views on how the architectural and construction industries may shape the future and why they want to participate in the SWR Conference.

## Deadline and Award

- Application Period: February 15, 2024 – March 11, 2024, ending at 5:00 pm Mountain Time.
- Scholarship Benefits: Travel expenses to the conference (maximum \$600), standard accommodations at the SWR Conference host hotel for up to three nights, and associated registration costs for the conference. The award may not be sold or transferred to another individual. There are no costs associated with applying for the Scholarship.
- Conference Information: The 2024 SWR Conference will be held in Tucson, Arizona, April 17 – 20, 2024.

## Eligibility

The SWR Paul Simonsen Memorial Scholarship is open to:

- Undergraduate and graduate students currently enrolled in an accredited architectural- or construction-related degree program.
- Emerging professionals currently employed in the architectural or construction industry. For the purpose of this award, an emerging professional is defined as an individual who has graduated and has been working for five years or less.
- Applicants need not be a current member of CSI.

Applicants must be enrolled in a college or university - or working in - any one of the Cities or States that comprise the CSI Southwest Region (see attached map below). Only one submission per applicant is allowed. Applicants may submit for this award for up to three consecutive years.

## Application Questions

Provide typed responses to the following questions (750 –1,500 words total):

1. What is your knowledge about CSI? What has been your exposure to CSI?
2. What impact on your career do you hope to gain by attending the SWR Conference?
3. How do you see the relationship between professionals in the design and construction industry evolving?

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Responses must include the word count at the end of the text and be signed with applicant's full name, along with the applicant's email address, phone number, and permanent address.

The winning applicant will be determined based on the content, style, and originality of responses. The responses should consider the 4-C's principle for construction industry communications: Clear, Complete, Concise, and Correct.

Additional letters of recommendation on behalf of the applicant will be accepted and reviewed but are not required.

### **How to Apply**

- Read the Scholarship Rules and Regulations.
- Complete the Application Form.
- Compose responses to application questions using word processing software.
- Email application and responses in protected PDF or other read-only format to the address listed on the Application Form. You will receive a receipt confirming your submission.


### **Winner Notification**

- The winner will be notified via email no later than March 15, 2024.
- The winner will be announced to the public on the CSI Southwest Region website at [www.csisouthwestregion.org](http://www.csisouthwestregion.org) and in other related industry media in the Southwest Region.


### **Rules and Regulations**

1. Please email questions to Morayma Bittle at [mbittle@cunningham.com](mailto:mbittle@cunningham.com).
2. Submitted responses must be the original work of the applicant. Plagiarism will result in the applicant's disqualification from this contest.
3. Applicant may not contact the judges for any reason. Doing so will result in disqualification.
4. The decision of the judges will be final.
5. Written responses received after the submission deadline will not be considered.
6. By accepting the Scholarship award, winner grants SWR the right to freely use their responses in connection with this Scholarship and to publish their name.
7. In the event that SWR changes or alters any or all of these rules, it will publish such updates on its website [www.csisouthwestregion.org](http://www.csisouthwestregion.org). Applicants should verify all such updates prior to making their submissions. Such changes will henceforth be considered read and accepted by applicants.
8. All submissions become the property of SWR.

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