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## **January 20 Is Deadline to Submit Applications for Engineering Scholarships** *State and National Scholarships Will Be Awarded*

**Nashville, TN** – January 20 is the deadline for Tennessee engineering and land surveying students to submit scholarship applications to the American Council of Engineering Companies of Tennessee (ACEC of Tennessee). The 2012 national ACEC engineering scholarship program will award several scholarships totaling \$20,000, and the 2012 national Council of Structural Engineers scholarship program will award a \$5,000 scholarship to a structural engineering student pursuing a Master’s degree in Structural Engineering. In addition, ACEC of Tennessee will award up to two \$1,000 scholarships to students at Tennessee universities or colleges – one to a student who is studying engineering or land surveying, and one to a graduate structural engineering student. The Tennessee scholarship winner will be announced in March 2012; winners of the national scholarships will be announced in October 2012. **Application forms and complete information can be obtained at <http://www.acectn.org/Scholar.htm>. Applications for the scholarship programs must be submitted to ACEC of Tennessee by Friday, January 20, 2012.**

“ACEC of Tennessee is excited and proud to be a part of this national program,” said Everett Cowan, PE, AE Guidance, LLC, who chairs the committee that will review all scholarship applications submitted by Tennessee students. “It is another example of how ACEC of Tennessee is committed to education and the future of our profession.”

ACEC of Tennessee has awarded scholarships to Tennessee engineering students for the past ten years. Past winners were students at Tennessee Tech, Vanderbilt University, the University of Memphis, UT-Knoxville and UT-Chattanooga. In 2009, the winner of the Tennessee scholarship also won the national competition and received an additional \$10,000 scholarship. Another previous winner of a Tennessee scholarship was runner-up in the national competition and received an additional \$3,000 scholarship.

To qualify for a scholarship, a student must be a U.S. citizen pursuing a Bachelor’s, Master’s, or Doctor of Philosophy degree in an engineering or land-surveying program in Tennessee approved by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology. Students must be entering their junior, senior, fifth or graduate year in the fall of 2012 to qualify. Candidates for the structural scholarship must be enrolled in a Master’s degree program for Structural Engineering in the 2012 fall semester. A student’s interest and commitment to the business and management of the profession are factors that will be

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considered. The application process includes writing an essay on the role of the consulting engineer or surveyor in shaping and protecting the natural environment. Grade point average and college activities are also factors in the evaluation.

**About ACEC of Tennessee:** Founded in 1968, ACEC of Tennessee is a statewide organization, which represents more than 100 Tennessee engineering firms. ACEC of Tennessee has chapters in Nashville, East Tennessee, Southeast Tennessee and Memphis. The organization works to improve business practices of engineering firms and enhance public awareness and understanding of the value of engineering services.

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