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NEW Undergraduate Scholarship Program Launched by the International Bridge, Tunnel and Turnpike Association Students pursuing transportation related degrees eligible for \$5000

Washington, D.C. -- A <u>NEW scholarship program</u> has been launched by the <u>International Bridge</u>, <u>Tunnel and Turnpike Association (IBTTA)</u> for current undergraduate students pursuing a degree in engineering; urban and rural planning; construction management; public policy/public administration or another transportation-related field.

"As the global association representing all facets of the tolling industry, IBTTA and the IBTTA Foundation are excited to launch this new scholarship program to help ease the financial burden of undergraduate students pursuing degrees related to transportation; and to secure the future of the infrastructure industry," said Emanuela Stocchi, President, IBTTA; and Director of International Affairs, Associazione Italiana Società Concessionarie Autostrade e Trafori (AISCAT), Rome, Italy.

Each year up to two undergraduate students will receive a \$5,000 scholarship. Applicants are required to be enrolled in full-time undergraduate study at an accredited four-year college or university for the upcoming academic year; and have a grade point average of at least a 2.5.

"The scholarship criteria includes academic record, demonstrated leadership and participation in school and community activities, honors, work experience, statement of goals and aspirations, and unusual personal or family circumstances," said John McCuskey, IBTTA Foundation Chair, and Principal Consultant with WSP I Parsons-Brinckerhoff. "Each candidate will be evaluated using an outside appraisal process. The Foundation Board is fortunate to have passionate and active members such as Kary Witt, Manager of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway and Transportation District, guide the scholarship program to realization."

Additionally, applicants need to submit a resume that demonstrates their work and volunteer experiences in industry-related activities.

"The launch of <u>IBTTA's scholarship program</u> is the culmination of work and dedication by a committed team of IBTTA Foundation volunteers who devoted their time and energy to ensure that the future of our infrastructure, transportation and the tolling industry remains bright," said Christine Keville, Immediate Past Foundation Chair, and President & CEO, Keville

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Submissions are due on or before April 4, 2017, or within the first 200 applications submitted, whichever occurs first.

On behalf of IBTTA, Scholarship America, the nation's largest designer and manager of scholarship, tuition assistance and other education support programs for corporations, foundations, associations and individuals, will administer the program and will choose the scholarship recipients

Applicants will be notified in May and scholarships will be awarded by August 1, 2017. Awards are granted without regard to race, color, creed, religion, sexual orientation, age, gender, disability or national origin.

For more information and to begin the application process, go to <u>https://www.scholarsapply.org/ibtta/login.php</u>. For more information about IBTTA, please visit <u>www.ibtta.org</u> or contact Bill Cramer at <u>bcramer@ibtta.org</u> or 202-659-4620 x26.

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