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GARY KAHLER MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

For almost 40 years, Gary Kahler served the construction industry and his community and was a role model for his contributions to the industry and the Permian Basin.

In 1973, Gary began his career in the construction industry as a framing carpenter in Fort Worth, Texas, and a few years later started Kahler Construction Company, Inc. In 1981, Gary moved his company to Midland, Texas, where his wife, Linda, joined the company. Together, they remodeled and built new homes and commercial offices in the Permian Basin.

Gary's integrity permeated his company where quality construction and client satisfaction were highly valued. He also believed in giving back to the community and regularly gave his time, knowledge, and other resources to several organizations including: Habitat for Humanity, Midland Fair Havens, and Texas Baptist Men Disaster Relief.

Gary Kahler was the third President of the Permian Basin Builders Association (PBBA). After he passed away in 2011, the PBBA Scholarship Program was renamed the "Gary Kahler Memorial Scholarship Fund" in his honor. The fund provides scholarships to students from within the 14-county PBBA jurisdiction, particularly those seeking a career in construction or a construction related field.

Scholarships are awarded to deserving individuals by the *Professional Women in Building*, a Council of the Permian Basin Builders Association. In 2017, the Gary Kahler Memorial Scholarship was granted 501c3 non-profit status from the IRS.

In 2026, scholarships of \$1500 will be awarded to area students for the fall and spring semesters. Previous scholarship recipients are welcome to apply. To apply for this scholarship a student must:

1. Have or will have a high school diploma or GED prior to attendance of college, university or trade school.
2. Be a U.S. citizen or a naturalized citizen.
3. Submit a brief letter with application stating one or more of the following: reasons why you should be awarded the scholarship, why you need or want the scholarship, your career plans, any information you would like the committee to consider.
4. Qualified applicants may be contacted for an interview.

The application and additional information may be found on the Professional Women in Building website www.prowomenbuilding.com.

Completed application form should be mailed to:

Professional Women in Building,

Gary Kahler Memorial Scholarship Committee

2002 W Wall St Ste.B

Midland, TX 79701



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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Name:

Phone number:

Email address:

HIGH SCHOOL DATA

High School Name:

Graduation Date:

School Activities and Honors (please list):

(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.)

Community Activities (please list):

(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.)

COLLEGE DATA

College you plan to attend, if unknown, list in order of preference where applications have been submitted.

		<i>Have you been accepted?</i>		
1)	City, State	Yes	No	Pending
2)	City, State	Yes	No	Pending
3)	City, State	Yes	No	Pending

My expected college major is:

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

List other scholarships or financial aid grants you have applied for and their status:

1)	Amount:	Received	Pending	Denied
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FAMILY DATA

Parent/Guardian Name(s):		Phone:	
Address if different from applicant:			
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	
Father's occupation:		Employer:	
Mother's occupation:		Employer:	
Number of dependents supported by Parents:		Ages:	
Do you have a relative who is a member of PBBA? If yes, list name and their relation to you.			
Are you employed by member of PBBA? Yes No		If yes, which company:	

FINANCIAL DATA

Family's Yearly Income:			
\$0 - \$25,000	\$25,000 - \$50,000	\$50,000 - \$75,000	\$75,000 and Above
Are you currently employed? Yes No		Employer:	
Do you plan to work while attending college? Yes No			
Where do you plan to live while attending college?			
Dormitory	Apartment	Family	Other (please list)
Please explain if there are any extraordinary family expenses or reasons why applicant needs this scholarship:			
(If additional space is needed, please attach a separate sheet of paper.)			

ATTACHMENTS

Attach your high school transcript indicating a date of graduation. If you are concurrently enrolled in college or have attended college, also attach your college transcript.

Letter(s) of recommendation attached: Yes No

Include a brief cover letter with your application stating one or more of the following: reason(s) why you should be awarded this scholarship; why you need or want this scholarship; your career plans; any information you would like to tell the committee as we consider your application.



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PLEASE READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SIGNING:

I certify the above is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and grant permission to verify the information contained in this application

Signature:

Date:

Print Name:

Address:

Signature of parent or guardian:

PBBA CONTACT INFORMATION:

Deadline for Application Submittal is: July 1, 2026

Return completed application and attachments to:

Professional Women in Building
Gary Kahler Memorial Scholarship Committee
2002 W Wall St Ste. B, Midland, TX 79701

Email: pwbmidland@gmail.com

For additional information contact the Professional Women in Building through our website:

www.prowomenbuilding.com