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The Texas Builders Foundation serves as a resource to students, the residential building industry, and the citizens of the State of Texas. Our mission is to support the future construction workforce while providing information and education to the building community and consumers, and to support the charitable activities of the residential construction industry.

Research and develop educational programs to benefit the professional home building industry

Educate consumers about the home building industry and the critical role it plays in the Texas economy

Educate the youth of Texas about the home building industry and provide scholarship assistance

Perform other charitable activities as appropriate throughout Texas

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- Research and develop educational programs to benefit the professional home building industry
- Educate consumers about the home building industry and the critical role it plays in Texas' economy
- Educate the youth of Texas about the home building industry and provide scholarship assistance
- Perform other charitable activities as appropriate
- **The Fall 2014 Scholarship Application is now available ([click here](#))**. The application deadline is June 30, 2014.

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The Texas Builders Foundation's focus is to help ensure the future of the residential construction industry in Texas. Each year, the foundation awards student scholarships and works to provide education to builders and information to consumers about the industry. In addition, the foundation assists in housing Texans who, through extraordinary circumstances, have found themselves in need of a helping hand.

Scholarships

Young adults coming out of career and technical programs and our colleges and universities are the future business owners of Texas who in turn hire employees and pay taxes. Currently, the home building industry in Texas represents over 700,000 jobs and more than \$22 billion in the Texas economy. As the state's population continues to grow and the demand for housing continues to rise, these numbers will increase exponentially.

The Texas Builders Foundation has awarded thousands of dollars in scholarships to students who are enrolled in construction programs in technical and trade schools and colleges and universities across Texas. Read [here](#) about the foundation's scholarship recipients.

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Dedicated scholarship funds honoring Texas builders have also been established. Visit our [contribute page](#) to learn more about these earmarked scholarships.

Builder Education

The Texas Builders Foundation is committed to ensuring that the building community in Texas continues to be the best educated and most knowledgeable in the country. The foundation's emphasis is on the development and implementation of educational services and programs for builders and remodelers.

Career and Technical Education

We've seen the headlines, and the construction industry is witnessing it first hand: Texas is facing a shortage of skilled workers and a graying workforce. H.B. 5 was passed by the 83rd Texas Legislature (2013 Regular Session) and was signed into law by the Governor. This groundbreaking legislation maintains the requirement of four years of high school math and science, but enables school districts to offer college credit courses, in collaboration with institutions of higher education, that provide a wide range of career and technical curriculum that are rigorous, relevant, and aligned with the state's diverse workforce needs. Broadening the opportunities for success will encourage more students to stay in school and secure a meaningful high school diploma. Learn more about Texas' workforce needs [here](#).

Philanthropy

Texas builders have a long history of giving back to their communities and state. The Texas Builders Foundation will continue this tradition by working with building-related charities and organizations to ensure that their good and necessary work continues.

- The foundation partnered with Operation FINALLY HOME to build a home for a military hero who was gravely injured in the 2009 Fort Hood shooting massacre. [Read](#) the *Texas Builder Magazine* article.
- Immediately following the explosion of the fertilizer plant in West, TX, in April 2013, the foundation established a dedicated fund to accept donations, 100% of which were returned to the West community. Read more about the Helping West Rebuild efforts [here](#).

- Areas of Austin and Travis County were devastated as the result of flooding that occurred on October 31, 2013. State Representatives Paul Workman and Eddie Rodriguez are spearheaded an effort to provide assistance to the citizens in the affected areas. The Home Builders Association of Greater Austin, the Texas Association of Builders, and the Texas Builders Foundation were honored to support the rebuilding effort. Read more [here](#).

Consumer Relations

A responsibility of the foundation is to develop positive relationships with consumers while providing information to the public about the housing industry in Texas. The Texas Builders Foundation will provide educational opportunities and forums through which the consumer may gain a better understanding of the industry and its building practices.

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