

American Society of Highway Engineers

Georgia Section

Babs Abubakari Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship is being offered as a lasting memorial to Babs Abubakari. Babs was known as a kind man with an unyielding spirit and an overpowering smile that brightened the day of everyone in his presence. He was a dedicated husband and doting father of two. Born in Ghana, West Africa, he knew how to live fully and simply. As a young man, Babs graduated from the Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering. Out of school he began his career with the Georgia Department of Transportation in District 6 as a Transportation Engineer on the two-year training program. Following the training program, he was quickly promoted to the Office of Urban Design, where he became a Design Engineer. Within a few years, he successfully passed the Professional Engineer's examination and obtained his P.E. license. In 2001, Babs was chosen to be the Assistant Office Head over the Office of Consultant Design and shortly there after, he was elevated to Office Head. This ascent was made possible by his commitment to GDOT and his exceptional leadership ability.

His life was one of energy and vitality and he was known by many as a "health nut". This vitality was evident in his passion for soccer. As a young man in Africa, soccer played a significant role in his life. This carried over into his adult life as he played recreational soccer and was the coach of many boys and girls teams in the Roswell community. Of his many successes as a coach, he was most proud of his U-10 Boys which one a State Championship during his first year as a coach. His coaching philosophy was, *"to provide a learning and fun soccer environment for youth players, to instill passion and love for the game in his players, to drive and push them to be competitive and successful, and to treat them with respect and dignity"*. Those fortunate enough to have played for Babs will surely find his lessons to be priceless as their lives unfold. This same soccer philosophy permeated throughout his life and he lived every moment with passion, respect, grace and dignity. One of Babs' core beliefs was his need to give back to his community. Even with his many responsibilities at GDOT and as a Coach, he managed to be an active leader in the Atlanta Ghanaian community.

Babs' commitment to his family, his work, and his community is something that should be admired by all. Therefore it is the intention of the American Society of Highway Engineers by the establishment of this scholarship, to ensure that Bab's contributions become known by all.

General Scholarship Information

The Babs Abubakari Scholarship is available to those students pursuing undergraduate or graduate degrees at the Georgia Institute of Technology and seeking a career in civil engineering, civil engineering technology, transportation, or construction related fields.

Amount

One scholarship will be awarded for the amount of \$1500.

Eligibility

1. The applicant must be enrolled at Georgia Institute of Technology.
2. The applicant must at least be entering their third year of undergraduate study with a declared major of Civil Engineering.
3. The applicant is eligible to receive the award only once.
4. The applicant must submit a completed application and a copy of their college transcript. Resumes may also be included, but are not required.

Submission

Please submit a completed application in PDF format as well as a hardcopy of your official transcript.

E-mail your applications to **Sarah_Worachek@gspnet.com** and name the file using the following format: LastName_FirstName.pdf

Mail your transcripts to the following address:

Sarah Worachek
Gresham Smith and Partners
2325 Lakeview Parkway
Suite 400
Alpharetta, GA 30009

**Applications must be received no later than November 9, 2011 to be considered.
The scholarship will be awarded at the January 2012 luncheon (Exact date TBD).**

II. Educational Information

Classification (Sophomore, Junior, Senior)_____

Expected Date of Graduation_____ Degree to be Received_____

Area of Concentration_____

Previous Colleges/Universities Attended, and Dates

Would you like to be contacted about joining or helping start a student chapter for ASHE on campus? () Yes () No

III. Activities/Awards Information

Professional or School Affiliations (List any school, professional or community activities you have participated in.)

Awards (List any special honors and/or awards you have received in or outside of school.)

Other Scholarships (List any scholarships you have received.)

Leadership Positions or Distinguishing Qualifications (Describe any activities requiring leadership or other distinguishing involvements in or outside of school.)

IV. Employment Information

Work Experience (List full-time, part-time, co-op and summer employment. Briefly describe duties and responsibilities. Attach additional sheets, if necessary.)
