

# ICC Scholarship Program

# William J. Tangye Scholarship

**Purpose:** The William J. Tangye Scholarship is awarded by the International Code Council in memory of William J. Tangye, the first Chief Executive Officer of the International Code Council. The scholarship is intended to provide financial assistance to children of ICC members in their pursuit of higher education.

### **Program Administration**

- The International Code Council manages the scholarship account.
- A committee of volunteers will select the recipient of the scholarship.

The selection process is as follows:

- The eligibility of the applicants will be verified.
- The applications will be reviewed to determine if all required information has been furnished.
- The committee will review all eligible applications using the Scholarship Selection Criteria.
- The recipient will be selected by a committee of volunteers and notified by the International Code Council.
- The administrative process and guidelines are as follows:
  - A minimum of one scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded.
  - Applications shall be received by the deadline posted each year and submitted to the International Code Council.

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- The recipient will be announced in the month of August.
- The maximum number of years that funds may be granted a student is four years.
- Awards are distributed in accordance with current IRS regulations.
- The recipient must be enrolled in a recognized and/or accredited school such as a university, trade school, business college or other as approved by the International Code Council prior to distribution of the award.

### Eligibility

International Code Council Members and Code Enforcement Employees

Applicants shall be children (as defined below) of active members of the International Code Council or children of code enforcement agency personnel employed by an active Governmental Member of the International Code Council.

• Children (Definition)

Children must be dependents as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. Typically, this includes birth children, stepchildren, legally adopted children, or a legal ward financially supported by the employee.

Geographic Restrictions

None

Field of Study

Applicants shall be enrolled in Engineering, Architecture or Construction Technology programs.

#### Selection Criteria

- The applicant must:
  - Be pursuing educational opportunities beyond the high school level at a recognized and/or accredited institution.
  - Demonstrate a need for financial assistance. Financial information will be required along with detail of any other financial assistance the applicant is receiving.
  - Provide evidence of satisfactory scholastic achievement including grades, test scores and teacher recommendations.
  - Exhibit leadership, good character, integrity and concern for others.
  - Complete the Scholarship Application. A one-page narrative on why the applicant should be awarded the scholarship is also required.

### About Mr. Tangye

"Hi, I'm Bill Tangye and I work for the ICC." That is how William J. Tangye, PE, the first CEO of the International Code Council addressed the members at the last annual conference he attended in Greensboro, North Carolina. That is how Bill began nearly every company speech he made while the CEO of the Southern Building Code Congress International. His philosophy was that he worked for the members of the organization, not the other way around.

William James Tangye was born March 27, 1945 in Oakland California. He held an undergraduate degree from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona as well as graduate degrees from the University of South Carolina and California State University at Long Beach.

Bill Tangye initially worked for the Los Angeles County Flood Control District from 1967 - 1970. He then moved to BOCA, International and became their director of field engineering. In 1975, Bill was hired by the Southern Building Code Congress International as the director of engineering services and chief engineer and served as the Chief Executive Officer of SBCCI from 1982 until his untimely death June 1, 2002.

Bill was a registered professional engineer in Alabama, Illinois, Florida, Kansas, Georgia, California, South Carolina, Louisiana and Mississippi, as well as a registered fire protection engineer in California. In addition to several honors recognizing his contribution to the advancement of building safety and the code enforcement profession, Bill was appointed in 1987 by President Ronald Reagan as one of 12 public members of the U.S. Architectural Transportation Barriers Compliance Board (ATBCB) and was elected chairman in May 1988. Bill was active in the affairs of numerous organizations such as the National Institute of Building Sciences, American Institute of Architects, National Association of Home Builders, Building Owners and Managers Association, National Institute of Standards and Technology, U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development and many others.

During his 27 years at SBCCI, Bill was able to build an organizational family of members and employees and a broader family who was coming together to form an international organization known as the International Code Council. Bill was appointed as the organization's first CEO in 2001. His appointment as CEO highlighted a long and distinguished career in which he displayed strong character, strength and leadership. While those strong qualities of Bill will be missed, his legacy will undoubtedly propel the ICC forward as a vibrant world class organization.

## About the William J. Tangye Educational Memorial Fund

The educational scholarship program of SBCCI was a program that Bill Tangye was extremely proud of. During his tenure as CEO he watched the scholarship program increase from 4 to 6 scholarships and the increase of the scholarships from \$250 to \$1000 each. He worked with state chapters to establish new scholarship programs and always

included time during the annual banquet for the presentation of checks to established scholarship funds and welcomed new scholarships in the names of people committed to building safety.

It was the family's request that in lieu of flowers a Scholarship Fund be established for William J. Tangye, PE. Over \$10,000 was contributed in the first few months.