



NUCA of Arizona

Educational Foundation



WILLIAM BRADFORD "BRAD" BURGETT MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The National Utility Contractors Association of Arizona (NUCA of Arizona) established the William Bradford "Brad" Burgett Memorial Scholarship Fund in 1986 through donations received from contractors nationwide.

Brad Burgett was a hard working young man who had demonstrated a deep interest in the construction industry since his childhood. He showed his skills and prowess in the construction industry through his innovative approaches to the various projects his company worked on. Brad sought new ways of using men and machines more efficiently. Many of his peers in the industry considered his knowledge and understanding of the industry advanced for a person his age. Besides his comprehensive understanding of the industry, Brad demonstrated an interest in the most important component of any organization — his workers. His interest in them — and their problems — won him their loyalty and respect. This was evident in the successful operation of the Kokosing Construction Company, one of Arizona's largest underground construction companies.

To recognize Brad for his achievements and dedication to the underground construction industry, NUCA of Arizona has dedicated this scholarship to his name and memory.

SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Criteria and guidelines for applicants:

1. College-bound high school seniors or continuing undergraduate students may apply. Students must be enrolled at a four year university in Arizona or Ohio.
2. A minimum grade point average of 2.7 is required. The student's official high school or most recent postsecondary transcript must accompany the application.
3. Applicant must pursue a college education with the intent of obtaining a degree in construction science, civil engineering or mechanical engineering.
4. Application forms must be typed.
5. The applicant must type their response to the essay question. The response should be 500 to 750 words in length.
6. The scholarship is available to any applicant whose parents are members or employees of members of NUCA of Arizona, and the Ohio Contractors Association.
7. The annual scholarship is awarded at the beginning of the fall term and is paid in equal installments at the beginning of each subsequent term (i.e. semester, quarter).
8. The scholarship is renewable based upon annual review. The recipients of the scholarship are expected to make normal progress from year to year and must remain in good academic and disciplinary standing. To be eligible for renewal, students must have carried a course load of at least 12 graded units per term and achieved a minimum of 2.7 GPA for the previous school year.

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WILLIAM BRADFORD ("BRAD") BURGETT (1957 - 1985)

The Burgett family settled in central Ohio near Fredricktown in 1810 and it was there that William Bradford Burgett was born on June 6, 1957. Brad was the fourth of five children.

Before the age of 3, Brad displayed his interest in construction by accompanying his father to work. This early experience created a base for the fascination and appreciation for equipment that Brad had his entire life.

Through his childhood, Brad was active in Boy Scouts, sports and was a member of his high school wrestling team. He participated in the choir and was selected to be in the All Ohio Youth Choir which marched in the Rose Bowl Parade and toured six European countries in 1974.

Brad graduated from Northmor High School in 1975 and shortly after graduation married Janenne Snell. During the next four years he became the father of three daughters; Mandy, Tiffany and Brooke.

He attended Ohio Northern University where his scholastic work put him on the Dean's list while in school. Brad spent his summers working for his father's construction business. He graduated from Ohio Northern in 1979 with degrees in Accounting and Business Administration.

Immediately after his graduation, Brad became Vice President of Utilities and managed all the underground construction for Kokosing Construction. He expanded the activities of the organization through the creation of subsidiaries and steered the company towards new markets.

He was responsible for the management of all utility jobs in Ohio, North Carolina and Pennsylvania and in 1981 he transferred to Arizona to develop the Western Division of Kokosing Construction Company. As President of the western division, Brad consulted with his older brother Brian, who remained the President of the operation in Ohio. Their exchange of ideas and equipment kept the company running smoothly.

Brad was an innovator who looked at projects with a fresh viewpoint. He was known to analyze a project from all angles and used new approaches that resulted in lower construction costs. Most notably was his design and construction of a slip form boat capable of producing 120" "cast-in-place" concrete pipe. After his death, the machine was named "The Tiger" which had been Brad's nickname as a child. Brad served as a member of the Board of Directors of the Underground Contractors Association of Arizona and was nominated as a Director of the National Utility Contractors Association the day before his untimely death in October of 1985.

This scholarship fund has been established in Brad's memory. It is hoped by those who established this memorial fund that it will help the recipients to prepare themselves to make a contribution in the field of construction.