

# 2025-26 Student/Young Professionals Conference Scholarship Award

**Due November 1, 2025**

## 2026 ACCI Annual Conference

**April 13-15, 2026**



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Timeline: Due November 1, Announced in December

Submit using this form:

<https://www.consumerinterests.org/scholarship-application-2026>

### **Purpose**

To encourage students and young professionals to meet and network with fellow students and professionals in the field and keep current on consumer research and related interests.

### **Criteria**

- Strength of application letter's written description of why it is important for the applicant to attend the Conference.
- Strength of the letter of reference from faculty member supporting the application.
- Higher priority is given to applicants with a submission of proposal to present at the Conference. We are aware that at the time of the scholarship application decisions on proposal submissions will not yet be made.

### **Format**

- Online application/request to identify contact information, program of study or employment, university, and department, as well as the name of the advisor/supervisor. Mention whether you submitted a proposal for review for either an oral or poster session at the upcoming conference.
- Reference letter from advisor or another faculty member is critically important.

### **Award**

Waiver of registration fee. If funds are available, partial travel support may be provided after the conference. A stipend of \$300 awarded after successful attendance at the full conference and submission of the one-page paper referenced below.

### **Follow up and receipt of award:**

After the conference and before waivers or reimbursements are provided, a short-written paper (no more than one page) is required describing how attending the conference contributed to a "value-added" experience for them professionally. Content of these papers may be used in marketing efforts for the conference.