



2026 Initial Rigger and Signalperson Training and CCO Certification Scholarship Application

info@ncccofoundation.org

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Applicant must be seeking assistance with attending and paying for initial quality training that culminates in CCO rigger and/or signalperson certifications between July 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026; or have successfully completed initial quality training through a current CCO Education Services Accredited Training Provider (ATP) that culminated in CCO rigger and/or signalperson certifications between January 1, 2026 and June 30, 2026.
2. If seeking rigger scholarship, applicant cannot have previously held any rigger certification.
3. If seeking signalperson certification, applicant cannot have previously held any signalperson certification.
4. If seeking both rigger and signalperson scholarship, applicant cannot have held any previous rigger or signalperson certifications.
5. Applicant must demonstrate financial need.
6. Applicant must participate in a short interview with the ATP they select for training prior to submitting the application.
7. The training course the applicant plans to attend must be started and completed within the dates of July 1, 2026 and December 31, 2026.
8. The training provider the applicant uses/used must be a current CCO Education Services Accredited Training Provider (ATP) listed at <https://www.ccoedu.org/accredited-training-provider-listing/>.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

The applicant is responsible for ensuring that all items listed below are emailed to the NCCCO Foundation and must be received no later than Wednesday, July 1, 2026. Please attach the following:

- A. Completed and signed Application Form.
- B. Course description, including Accredited Training Provider (ATP), type of certification(s) sought, location, and cost.
- C. Financial Need (250 word limit)

- D. Employment History.
- E. Essay Question (500 word limit).

AVAILABLE AWARDS:

- A. Maximum scholarship of \$4,000 per individual available.
- B. In the case of applications approved before the training course is started:
 - 1) A maximum of \$2,000 will be paid up front to a CCO Education Services Accredited Training Provider (ATP) to cover the rigger and/or signalperson training course(s), associated CCO certification exams, and allowed expenses for travel, lodging, and food during the period the training was taken.*
 - 2) Upon proof of completion of course(s) and certification(s) from the training provider, a maximum of \$2,000 additionally may be first paid to the ATP for any remaining associated tuition and fees related to the training course taken. If there are none or the remaining tuition and fees for the course were already paid by the individual than the individual may be directly reimbursed for approved out-of-pocket costs to cover fees and expenses related to the rigger and/or signalperson training course(s), CCO Certification exams, and allowed expenses for travel, lodging, and food during the period the training was taken that were not covered by the initial \$2,000.* The crane operator scholarship cannot exceed a total of \$4,000 per individual. Those requesting reimbursement must submit written documentation and receipts to the NCCCO Foundation within 14 days of the completion of the training to be considered for reimbursement.
- C. In the case of applications approved after the training is started or completed:
 - 1) A maximum of \$4,000 will first be paid to the ATP for the associated tuition and fees related to the training course taken. If there are none or the tuition and fees for the course were already paid by the individual than the individual may be directly reimbursed for the associated tuition, fees, and approved expenses related to the crane operator training course, CCO Certification exams, and allowed expense for travel, lodging, and food during the period the training was taken.* The rigger and signalperson scholarship cannot exceed a total of \$4,000 per individual. Those requesting reimbursement must submit written documentation and receipts to the NCCCO Foundation within 14 days of notification of the scholarship approval to be considered for reimbursement.
- D. Scholarship awards may be subject to state and federal taxes. Tax reporting and payment are the sole responsibility of the individual recipient.
- E. Scholarships are one-time awards and are not automatically renewed.
- F. Applications will be reviewed, and winners selected by the NCCCO Foundation Workforce Development Committee. They will consider the applicant's interest in the

crane industry, previous employment experience, and financial need. All applicants will be notified of their status after the committee review period approximately 21 days after the July 1, 2026 deadline.

- G. Some applicants may be subject to a personal interview with a representative of the NCCCO Foundation.
- H. Some awardees may be asked to provide information in order to promote the scholarship and crane industry.
- I. If selected, awardees must submit an acceptance form and agree to the terms of the scholarship before the scholarship is distributed.
- J. If any of the scholarship requirements are not met by the recipient, then the scholarship may be revoked, and the recipient will be responsible for all remaining fees due for training and certification.
- K. Applicants are strongly encouraged to use the essays to share information that will assist the committee in making their decisions. The use of artificial intelligence (AI) to complete the application is strongly discouraged and will be penalized.
- L. All applications must be submitted by 11:59 PM EDT on July 1, 2026.

SUBMITTAL OF APPLICATION:

- All applications, with supporting material, must be sent to the NCCCO Foundation at info@ncccofoundation.org by 11:59 PM EDT on July 1, 2026.

**What are allowed expenses for travel, lodging, and food during the period of training are considered on a case-by-case basis and are at the sole discretion of the NCCCO Foundation, but typically include round-trip economy class domestic airfare, a per diem for meals and incidental expenses of \$68 per day, and a per diem for lodging of \$110 per night.*



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Submit completed application and required information to info@ncccofoundation.org.

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APPLICANT INFORMATION

Applicant Name: _____

Home Address: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

(Email) _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

FINANCES

Total Gross Annual Income Reported on Your 2025 US 1040 Tax Return: _____

REFERENCES

Provide the names, email addresses, and phone numbers of two personal or work references.

Reference #1 Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

Reference #2 Name: _____ Email: _____ Phone: _____

TRAINING PROVIDER AND COURSE INFORMATION

Accredited Training Provider (ATP) Name: _____

ATP Address: _____

(City) _____ (State) _____ (Zip) _____ (Phone) _____

Training Location (if different from ATP Address): _____

Training Course(s) Name and Description(s): _____

Specific CCO Certification(s) sought: _____

Length of total program in days/weeks: _____

Estimated total cost of course(s): _____

Estimated total additional expenses, e.g. travel, lodging, meals.: _____

Course(s) start dates: _____/_____/_____

Course(s) completion dates: _____/_____/_____

FINANCIAL NEED: Provide an explanation (no more than 250 words) of why you should be considered based on your financial need. *The use of Artificial Intelligence will be penalized.*
(Below or Attach)

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY: In the table provide a list of full or part-time employment in the past 5 years including employer name, job titles, dates of employment, and job duties. List chronologically, most recent first. If part-time, indicate the number of hours worked per week under dates of employment.

Employer Name	Job Title	Dates of Employment	Description of Job Duties

ESSAY QUESTION: Please confine your response to the following question to 500 words total.
(Below or Attach)

Why are you interested in a career in the crane industry and what event or series of events has led you to this decision? Where possible, explain how your previous work experiences relate to a crane industry career. *The use of Artificial Intelligence will be penalized.*

APPLICATION MUST BE SIGNED AND ALL REQUIRED INFORMATION INCLUDED TO BE CONSIDERED

You must check each box to show attestation for all statements.	
<input type="checkbox"/>	I agree that the application and all attachments may be used for the purpose of evaluation and selection by the NCCCO Foundation, the NCCCO Foundation Workforce Development Committee, and/or representatives designated by the Committee.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have never received any certification as a rigger.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I have never received any certification as a signalperson.
<input type="checkbox"/>	I hereby attest all the information I have provided in relation to this application is to the best of my knowledge true and accurate.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

THE NCCCO FOUNDATION IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY ORGANIZATION AND ENCOURAGES APPLICATIONS FROM ALL INDIVIDUALS.