

PALAZOLA & BENMOUSSA SCHOLARSHIP



WICHITA STATE
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COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Department of
Aerospace Engineering

Endorsement Information for AE Faculty

Information on the Palazola & Benmoussa Scholarship (P&B Scholarship) and the student application process can be found on the AE web page. A successful student application must include a faculty member endorsement letter.

This scholarship is clearly unique; it's not just a means to secure a free student worker or to help a student with expenses. By the donors' intent, the P&B Scholarship is a way to help an undergraduate student grow in a way traditionally reserved for MS students. Your involvement can be an excellent way for you to recruit a graduate student as well.

The endorsement letter should be thoughtful and outline proposed collaborative work and specific outcomes. Endorse a student only if you are truly interested in working with them and you are confident, with proper mentoring, they will grow and be productive.

As noted, there are also limited P&B Scholarship funds to support conference travel for the student and faculty mentor.

An AE faculty committee will review and score applications. The endorsement letter, and its content, is considered within the evaluations. Selection is competitive, based on the scholarship goals and guidelines.

To address scholarship goals it is imperative for a P&B faculty mentor to:

- Engage the P&B student in high-level collaborative work; ideally involving intellectual growth, research, and professional activities (e.g., publications)
- Understand the donor expects to see, via an annual report, strong evidence the student and faculty mentor are collaborating and doing worthy things – outcomes are important!