

FRED WHITTY SCHOLARSHIP

Offered annually by the Houston BOMA Foundation

Overview

The Fred Whitty Scholarship honors the legacy of longtime Houston BOMA member, educator, and industry advocate Fred Whitty. Each year, this scholarship provides one Houston BOMA member with the opportunity to attend the BOMA International Annual Conference by covering registration, hotel, and flight expenses.

This award allows recipients to immerse themselves in the broader BOMA network, experience the value of national involvement, and build deeper connections across the commercial real estate industry. The program embodies Fred's dedication to professional education, leadership development, and meaningful engagement within the BOMA community.

Fred's Legacy

Frederick Kent "Fred" Whitty was a respected Marine Corps veteran, a longtime property management professional, and a dedicated BOMA member whose leadership helped shape Houston BOMA's educational programming and national reputation. Over his decades-long career, he rose to Vice President of Transwestern, managing Four Oaks Place, and served as President of Houston BOMA, earning a Lifetime Achievement Award. He played a pivotal role in expanding BOMI designation programs locally and nationally and helped launch educational pathways that continue to support thousands of professionals.

Fred was known for his generous leadership, commitment to mentorship, and deep respect for his team and peers. He strongly believed in engaging emerging professionals in BOMA at every level. This scholarship continues that legacy by giving future leaders the chance to experience BOMA beyond Houston and see how its broader network shapes the industry's future.



What the Scholarship Covers

- Full registration for the BOMA International Annual Conference
- TOBY Awards Ticket
- Hotel accommodations for the duration of the conference
- Round-trip airfare
- Uber/Parking Allowance

Estimated Total Value: Conference Registration, TOBY Ticket + Up to \$2,500 Travel

Application Timeline

Phase	Date
Application Opens	December 2025 (Announced at the Annual Awards Extravaganza)
Application Deadline	February 2026
Recipient Notified	March 2026 (Recipient announced at a Houston BOMA event between March and June)
BOMA International Conference	June 2026

Eligibility Criteria

- The ideal candidate:
 - Is a current Houston BOMA member in good standing.
 - Has not previously attended the BOMA International Conference, or whose company cannot fund their attendance.
 - Must actively work in the commercial real estate industry; candidates pursuing a BOMI designation are preferred.
 - Should show a demonstrated interest in leadership and a commitment to involvement with BOMA International.

Application Requirements

- Applicants will submit:
 - A short personal statement (50-100 words) explaining their interest in attending the BOMA International Conference, how it aligns with their career goals, and how they plan to share what they learn with Houston BOMA.
 - A response to an essay question (300-500 words).
 - In what ways have you demonstrated a commitment to leadership development, and how do you hope to engage with BOMA International as part of your professional growth?
 - One brief letter of recommendation from a supervisor.

Recipient Expectations

- The recipient will:
 - Attend the full BOMA International Conference.
 - Be responsible for paying for all travel-related expenses up front, including hotel and airfare. After the conference, the recipient must submit proof of eligible expenses (e.g., receipts) to Houston BOMA. Once reviewed, Houston BOMA will issue a reimbursement check for up to the total scholarship amount.
 - Collaborate with the Houston BOMA Marketing Department to produce a short video testimonial after the conference, which may be shared on our website and social media to highlight the program experience.
 - Speak at a Houston BOMA event after the conference to share your experience with members.