






## MCAA GreatFutures: Master Calendar - Spring 2026

<b>2026</b>		
April 1	Internship Grants Due (Associations and Employers)	Applications to be based on 2026 plans: 5 available for associations / 25 for MCAA Employers
April 10	WiMI Conference Attendance Scholarship Due	For 2026 Conference
May 4	Fabrication Attendance Scholarship Released	Student applies for chapter (2 students + 1 faculty max), complimentary registration
<b>June 8-10</b>	<b>WiMI Conference</b>	Loews Coronado Bay - Coronado, CA (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
June / July	GreatFutures Registration Open	For 2026 Conference
July 10	Fabrication Attendance Scholarship Due	For 2026 Conference
August 14	MCSA Attendance Scholarship/ <a href="#">Dolim Scholarship Released</a>	Student applies for chapter (2 students + 1 faculty max), complimentary registration / Dolim Scholarship on MCSA site
<b>August 25</b>	<b>GreatFutures Registration &amp; Hotel Due</b>	2026 Conference
September 4	Competition Names & Emails Due	Student and faculty names due to mhoffman@mcaa.org to get pre-loaded prior to competition release day
September 11	Student Chapter Competition Released	2026-2027 Project
September 11	MCSA Attendance Scholarship & <a href="#">Dolim Scholarship Due</a>	For 2026 Conference
<b>September 15-17</b>	<b>MCAA Fabrication Conference</b>	Live! Casino & Hotel - Baltimore, MD (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
September 14	Internship Grant Forms Released - All	To Student Chapters for internship and full-time placements from 2026 calendar year / Employers & Associations for 2027 plans
September 18	Scholarships & Grants Applications Released	Awarded at MCAA27: Scholarships, Chapter of the Year, Educator of the Year
September 18	Safety & Health Attendance Scholarship Released	Student applies for chapter (2 students + 1 faculty max), complimentary registration
September 18	MEP Innovation Attendance Scholarship Released	Student applies for chapter (2 students + 1 faculty max), complimentary registration
<b>September 24-26</b>	<b>GreatFutures Forum</b>	Ritz-Carlton St. Louis - St. Louis, MO
October 23	Safety & Health Attendance Scholarship Due	For 2027 Conference
October 23	MEP Innovation Attendance Scholarship Due	For 2027 Conference
November 6	Scholarships & Grants Applications Due	By 4PM Central Time Zone - Awarded at MCAA27
November 6	Scholarship Verification Forms Due (FA/IA)	Advisor form to verify convention attendance and mechanical interest (2027 applications)
<b>November 8-11</b>	<b>MCSA Annual Educational Conference</b>	Austin Marriott Downtown - Austin, TX (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
December 4	Last Day to Submit Competition RFI's	By 4PM Central Time Zone - via Procore (26-27 Project)
December 11	Competition Due	By 4PM Central Time Zone- via Procore (26-27 Project)
December 30	Scholarship Winners Notified	Awarded at MCAA27
<b>2027</b>		
<b>January 11-14</b>	<b>Safety &amp; Health Conference</b>	Caesars Palace, Las Vegas, NV (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
<b>January 25-27</b>	<b>MEP Innovation Conference</b>	JW Marriott Tampa, Tampa, FL (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
January 15	Internship Grants Due (Student Chapters)	Grants to the student chapters for internship and full-time placements from 2026 calendar year
January 18	Competition Notifications	Final Four and Top Ten revealed individually to chapters, feedback and section scores will follow
February 1	Competition Final Four Details Due	Submit: final team roster, headshots, team photo, logo, flight information, prize check details
February 10	Competition Final Four Slides Due	No changes after this time and must be in the correct format (by 4PM Central Time Zone)

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March 2	WiMI Conference Attendance Scholarship Released	Student applies for chapter (2 students + 1 faculty max), complimentary registration
<b>March 7-11</b>	<b>MCAA27 Annual Convention</b>	Marriott Marquis San Diego Marina - San Diego, CA
March 9	Student Chapter Competition - Final Four	At MCAA27
March 10	MCAA Awards of Excellence Breakfast	Scholarships / Chapter of the Year / Educator the Year distributed
March 10	Competition Final Four Consultations	At MCAA27 - Final Four Teams and Advisors Only
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April 2	WiMI Conference Attendance Scholarship Due	For 2027 Conference
<b>June 14-16</b>	<b>WiMI Conference</b>	Loews Atlanta Hotel, Atlanta, GA (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
June / July	GreatFutures Registration Open	For 2027 Conference
<b>September 2</b>	<b>GreatFutures Registration &amp; Hotel Due</b>	2027 Conference
<b>September TBD</b>	<b>MCAA Fabrication Conference</b>	TBD Location (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
<b>Sept 30 - Oct 2</b>	<b>GreatFutures Forum</b>	The Henry, Autograph Collection - Detroit, MI
<b>October 10-13</b>	<b>MSCA Annual Educational Conference</b>	JW Marriott Desert Springs Resort & Spa - Palm Desert, CA (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
<b>2028</b>		
<b>March 19-23</b>	<b>MCAA28 Annual Convention</b>	JW Marriott Orlando Grande Lakes - Orlando, FL
<b>October 5-7</b>	<b>GreatFutures Forum</b>	Sheraton Overland Park Hotel at the Convention Center - Kansas City, KS
<b>November 5 - 8</b>	<b>MSCA Annual Educational Conference</b>	JW Marriott Marco Island Beach Resort - Marco Island, FL (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
<b>2029</b>		
<b>March 18-22</b>	<b>MCAA29 Annual Convention</b>	JW Marriott Phoenix Desert Ridge Resort & Spa - Phoenix, AZ
<b>October 21-24</b>	<b>MSCA Annual Educational Conference</b>	The Broadmoor - Colorado Springs, CO (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
<b>2030</b>		
<b>November 3-6</b>	<b>MSCA Annual Educational Conference</b>	JW Marriott Austin - Austin, TX (attendance scholarship required for complimentary registration)
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		<i>Major Conference</i>
		<i>Scholarships &amp; Grants</i>
		<i>Student Chapter Competition</i>