

**SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS - SAN DIEGO COUNTY SECTION INSTRUCTIONS
FOR FRESHMAN STUDENTS SCHOLARSHIP APPLICANTS
Application Deadline – March 28, 2021**

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible, applicants must meet the following qualifications:

1. Applicant must be a current enrolled high school senior in San Diego County or Temecula Valley Unified School District.
2. Applicant must be a female identifying person¹ who intends to major at an ABET accredited engineering, computing, or engineering technology program (see <http://www.abet.org/> for a list of eligible schools and majors).
3. Applicant must not be receiving full funding from another organization.
4. If selected, applicant must be able to provide proof of enrollment for the coming academic year (starting Fall 2021).
5. If selected, applicant must complete a thank you note to be sent to the sponsoring organization before receiving funds.
6. All application materials must be postmarked/timestamped by the application deadline of March 28, 2021 at 11pm Pacific Time.

GENERAL

1. All scholarship recipients will be notified by May 1, 2021 via email or phone.
2. Scholarship recipients will be announced at SWE-San Diego's annual end of year celebration.
3. No restrictions are placed on applicants with respect to other scholarships, including other SWE scholarships, unless the other scholarships provide full funding.
4. All letters of recommendation require some form of authentication from the author. Any letter without a signature may cause disqualification.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

To be accepted for judging, an applicant must submit all of the following items:

1. **Application Form** – The form with supplemental content must be fully completed and signed.
2. **Applicant Essay** – An essay written by the applicant (700 words or less) describing one or more of the following:
 - a. Why the applicant would like to be an engineer
 - b. The applicant's definition of engineering
 - c. What the applicant would like to accomplish or why the applicant believes she will make a difference as an engineer
 - d. Experience in and/or exposure to engineering to date
 - e. Any special circumstances or other information that the applicant would like the Scholarship Committee to considerNote that the essay is approximately 30% of the judging criteria.²
3. **Transcript** - Official copy of applicant's transcript(s) showing grades for the entire enrollment in all

¹ As gender is a qualification for some of our awards, the gender of the nominee is defined as the gender with which he or she identifies.

² Judging Criteria is 30% for the essay with the remaining 70% coming from a system of points based on the supplemental information.

colleges or universities attended.

4. **Reference Letter 1** – Letter of reference³ from a high school teacher, counselor, or administrator addressing the applicant’s interpersonal skills, initiative, motivation, problem solving abilities, potential for success, and how her interest in engineering has been demonstrated.
5. **Reference Letter 2** – Second letter of reference from one of the above, or someone else who personally knows the applicant (such as coach, mentor, or employer), who is not a relative of the applicant.

DIGITAL SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

Application packets must be timestamped no later than March 28, 2021 at 11:00PM Pacific Time. All material should be submitted as a single PDF file. If you are submitting a transcript or reference letter by mail include a blank page as a placeholder with the words “[item name] will be submitted by mail”. Use the filename LastName_FirstName-Continuing.pdf and email subject: Name – Continuing Student Application. *The applicant is responsible for seeing that all the necessary information and documents are submitted by the deadline. Any items that cannot be emailed may be mailed according to the mailing instructions below.*

scholarships.swesandiego@gmail.com

MAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Application packets must be completed and postmarked no later than March 28, 2021. All material, including the transcripts and reference letters, must be included with the application. *The applicant is responsible for seeing that all the necessary information and documents are submitted by the deadline. An incomplete application package will be disqualified. All application materials should be mailed in a full-sized (minimum 9x12) envelope to the Scholarship Committee. PLEASE DO NOT STAPLE OR FOLD APPLICATIONS. All materials will be scanned and this can impact the readability.*

**Scholarship Committee
Society of Women Engineers
San Diego County Section
P.O. Box 881205
San Diego, CA 92168-1205**

APPLICATIONS THAT DO NOT INCLUDE ALL REQUIRED MATERIALS, DO NOT MEET ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, OR ARE NOT POSTMARKED/TIMESTAMPED BY MARCH 28, 2021 at 11PM PACIFIC TIME WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED.

³ All letters of recommendation require some form of authentication from the author. This can be a signature from the author or an email header/chain showing that the letter originated from the author. This is considered an electronic signature. Any letter without signature will be dropped from the package and may cause disqualification.



SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM for FRESHMAN STUDENTS

PERSONAL DATA

First Name	Last Name		
Email Address			
Mailing Address			
City	State	Zip	Phone

EDUCATION

High School Name	Expected Major	Expected Graduation Year
High School Address		
Overall Grade Point Average (Average/Maximum Possible):		
For Grades 9-12 Weighted: _____ / _____	For Grades 9-12 Unweighted: _____ / _____	
Class Rank:		
Number ____ out of ____ graduating	Top ____ % of graduating class	____ Valedictorian ____ Salutatorian
National Test Scores (SAT and/or ACT):		
SAT Score: _____ Reading _____ / Math _____ / Written _____	ACT Score: _____ Eng _____ / Math _____ / Read _____ Sci _____	

I hereby certify that all provided information is true, and that I intend to be enrolled as a full-time student in the coming academic year. By submitting this application, I am authorizing release of my academic records to the Society of Women Engineers - San Diego County Section. I also certify that I am not receiving full funding for my education from the Armed Forces, an employer, or other organization.

Signature of Applicant

Date



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION for FRESHMAN STUDENTS

High School Activities List

List the clubs and organizations in which the applicant is involved. Include any sports, committees, music, drama, yearbook, etc.

Name of Organization	Years of Involvement	Positions Held	Activities and Responsibilities

List any scholastic honors and achievements received from the clubs or organizations.

Name of Award	Year Received



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION for FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Community Activities List

List the societies or organizations in which the applicant volunteers. (This could include SWE involvement)

Name of Organization	Years of Involvement	Positions Held	Activities, Responsibilities, # Volunteer Hours

List any honors and achievements received from the societies or organizations.

Name of Award	Year Received



SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION for FRESHMAN STUDENTS

Engineering Related Activities or Achievements

List any classes or projects in which the applicant demonstrates engineering experience.

Name of Project	Dates
Description of activities and responsibilities:	

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Professional Data

List any work experience.

Name of Employer	Length of Employment	Hours per Week
Description of duties and responsibilities:		

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How did you hear about this scholarship? (Optional – For Statistical Purposes Only)

<p>Check all that apply:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Email</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> SWE Website</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Internet Search</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> School</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Parent</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Friend</p> <p>Other _____</p>
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