

**Philadelphia Section of the Society of Women Engineers
2009 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION**



Date: September 4, 2008
To: SWE Student Section Contacts
From: Krista Pohl (VP Outreach) and the Scholarship Committee
Re: **SWE Philadelphia 2009 Scholarship Competition**

I am pleased to announce the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Philadelphia Section 2009 Scholarship Competition. The Philadelphia Section will be awarding **several** \$1,000 scholarships to deserving female engineering students. In order to be eligible, the applicants must be full-time students majoring in an engineering, engineering technology, or computer science discipline at one of the following schools or a school within our chapter area:

DeVry University	Philadelphia University
Drexel University	Swarthmore College
Messiah College	Temple University
Penn State – Abington	Thaddeus Stevens College of Technology
Penn Sate – Delaware County	University of Pennsylvania
Penn State – Harrisburg	Villanova University
Penn State – York	Widener University
	York College of Pennsylvania

The applicants may be enrolled in any undergraduate or graduate level of study. Previous winners of SWE Philadelphia Scholarships, SWE National, or other SWE Scholarships are also eligible for this year's awards.

Judging will be conducted by members of the Scholarship Committee of the SWE Philadelphia section. The evaluation criteria include: interest in engineering, learning opportunities outside the classroom, a demonstrated ability to work both as a member of a team and as a leader, engineering coursework and performance, and a recommendation from a Professor, Teaching Assistant, or Advisor.

Enclosed are several application forms. You may duplicate them as needed. You should also have received the forms electronically. All entries must be postmarked no later than Friday, February 28, 2009. Any incomplete or late submissions will be disqualified. Scholarship winners will be honored at the SWE Philadelphia Scholarship Banquet to be held in early April 2009. Details will be provided to the winners. Winners will receive their check in late August for use the next school year.

If you have any questions regarding the scholarship application, eligibility requirements, or the evaluation criteria, please contact:

Krista L. Pohl
856-261-1686
scholarship@philaswe.org

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Information

Name: _____

Current Address: _____

Current Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

University: _____ Year of Graduation: _____

Academic Major: _____ SWE Member (Circle One): Yes / No

Please use the space provided to answer the following questions:

Interest

Tell us about your choice to study engineering, the specific field you are pursuing, and describe a challenge that was presented to you during your studies or engineering experience. How did that challenge affect your impression of engineering or your goals related to the field?

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Studies and Experience

Tell us about pursuits you have taken to further your engineering knowledge in addition to classroom studies. Have you performed any research work related to your field or obtained an internship or co-op position which has helped you learn more about engineering and its opportunities? Have you participated in team or individual projects or competitions related to engineering? Have you attended any engineering fairs, camps, or information sessions to learn about various majors and careers?

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Choose one of your activities and describe how your participation in the group has developed your teamwork skills. Include an activity in which you took a leadership role, and describe your accomplishments in that regard.

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Please also supply the following:

1. An *unofficial or official* copy of your college transcript. Current cumulative grade point average: _____ on a scale of _____ .

2. The completed letter of recommendation form from a Professor, Teaching Assistant, or Advisor with whom you have worked within the past 2 years.

Beyond the Scholarship:

SWE Future Leaders (SWEFLs): A scholarship winner may also be selected to participate as a SWE Future Leaders (SWEFLs) in the Collegiate Leadership Forum (CLF). Started in 2005, the CLF is an annual event used as an opportunity to train Region Collegiate Representatives and Newsletter Editors, and the CLF has now been expanded to include additional groups of collegiate members by invitation only – the SWEFLs. The CLF typically takes place in August, in conjunction with the SWE Board of Directors (BOD) installation. Activities include the BOD installation dinner, leadership training, SWE training, professional development, and networking with other collegiate leaders, the Region Governors, and BOD members. All travel, accommodations, and activities are completely free to participants. After the CLF, SWEFLs may be called on to participate in SWE collegiate focus groups and encouraged to apply for SWE leadership positions at their collegiate section or at the region or national level.

Internships: Some scholarships may include the opportunity for summer internship in 2009. Would you be interested in this internship opportunity? (Circle one) Yes / No

Application **MUST BE POSTMARKED** by Saturday, February 28, 2009. Please send the completed package to:

Krista L. Pohl, Scholarship Chair
621 Lippincott Avenue
Riverton, NJ 08077

For questions/comments please contact:

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

1. Applicant's Name (First Middle Last): _____

2. Endorser's Name: _____

Position: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

TO THE ENDORSER: Thank you for agreeing to provide an evaluation of the individual named above. We value your frank and thoughtful assessment of the applicant. Please complete and sign this recommendation form, place in a sealed envelope, sign your name across the flap, and return the recommendation to the applicant for submittal.

1. How long and in what capacity have you know the applicant?

2. The Society of Women Engineers, Philadelphia section, seeks to award scholarships to female engineering students who maintain a strong interest in engineering, who seek out opportunities to learn about engineering careers, and who contribute to school and community as leaders through extracurricular activities. Do you recommend this applicant for the Society of Women Engineers Scholarship? Please explain.

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3. Please rate the applicant in the table below.

To what reference groups are you comparing the applicant?

	Excellent Top 10%	Very Good Top 25%	Average Middle 50%	Below Average Bottom 25%	Not observed
Maturity					
Initiative and Motivation					
Creativity					
Analytical Skills					
Integrity					
Ability to work with others					
Goal directedness					

4. Any additional comments/information which might be helpful in assessing the applicant.