

SOCIETY OF WOMEN ENGINEERS

LOS ANGELES SECTION SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: Tuesday, February 28, 2023

Each year, the Los Angeles Section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE-LA) administers scholarships funded by industry and individual donations to support SWE student members in their engineering studies and to help alleviate the financial burden.

A successful applicant must demonstrate high academic ability and show a keen interest in their professional development in the engineering field by participating in technical organizations, holding leadership positions, conducting research projects, or pursuing engineering or non-engineering related work opportunities. The applicant is a problem solver, a committed doer, and an effective communicator who is an example to other students as a leader. Special consideration will be given to those with unique circumstances and financial need, as well as those who are re-entering students. A re-entrant is defined as a student who has been out of the engineering job market for at least two years.

Scholarships are available to both women and men. The applicant must be currently be enrolled as a full-time Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior in an engineering curriculum leading to a Bachelor's degree at a collegiate SWE section affiliated with the Los Angeles professional SWE section (**Cal Poly Pomona**, **Caltech**, **Cal State LA**, **Cal State Northridge**, **Harvey Mudd**, **Loyola Marymount**, **UCLA**, or **USC**). Graduating Senior applicants will be required to provide evidence of graduate school admission for the fall. The applicant must be a SWE student member in good standing.

Available Scholarships:

- (1)** SWE Endowment Scholarship - *must have a minimum 3.0 GPA*
- (2)** SWE-LA Sharon Cascadden Endowment Scholarship - *Highest priority goes to students re-entering school, with preference to CSUN, then UCLA, then other schools. Must have a minimum 3.0 GPA*
- (3)** SWE-LA Scholarship - *must have a minimum 3.2 GPA, open to students who identify as women only*
- (4)** SWE-LA Volunteer Scholarship - *must have a minimum 2.5 GPA and have demonstrated strong community service and/or outreach*
- (5)** SWE-LA Graduate Student Scholarship - *must be pursuing a M.S. or Ph.D and identify as a woman*

Application Contents:

- (1) Google Form Application
- (2) Recommendation Letters (minimum of 1, 2 maximum)
- (3) Transcript(s) (unofficial transcript is acceptable - must show grades for the entire enrollment from current and past colleges/universities)
- (4) Resume/CV

****Note:** Submit all additional documents to scholarships.swela@gmail.com

Timeline:

February 28, 2023 - Applications Due
March 2023 - Interviews Conducted
March 24, 2023 - Recipients Notified
April 14, 2023 - Scholarships Awarded

INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS

To be accepted for judging, an applicant must submit all required items electronically by **Tuesday, February 28, 2023**. Applicant should submit application Google form, transcript(s) and resume. Each person serving as a reference needs to submit his/her own letter directly to the email address below. Be sure to fill out the names of the references on the application so the letters can be matched correctly. The applicant is responsible for seeing that all necessary information (completed application form, transcript(s), resume and letters of reference) is submitted by the deadline. The applicant will be disqualified from judging, with no further follow-up, if these instructions are not followed.

*Applicants having other scholarships and/or previous Society of Women Engineers scholarships are eligible to apply.

**Copies of recommendation letters submitted for other scholarships are acceptable, as long as they are up-to-date and reflect the student's current academic achievement and professional development.

APPLICATION FORMS: Official scholarship application forms are made available electronically no later than January to the collegiate SWE sections at the schools affiliated with the SWE-LA Professional Section. If you are not associated with a student section, application forms are available for download from the SWE-LA website ([losangeles.swe.org/](https://www.losangeles.swe.org/)), or may be requested directly from SWE-LA by sending an email to scholarships.swela@gmail.com. Use of copies or reproductions is permitted.

INSTRUCTIONS: Email all items by **Tuesday, February 28, 2023** to scholarships.swela@gmail.com.

THE FOLLOWING ITEMS MUST BE SUBMITTED ELECTRONICALLY FOR ALL APPLICANTS:

1. **COMPLETED APPLICATION FORM:** Please fill out the application on google forms: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1AKHoBSJjpOTeX_4k00BG4dcH1qJ9N5g7tvGLsZcf9s4/edit?usp=drive_web
Application includes three applicant essays, four for the Graduate Scholarship. The length of each essay is limited to 500 words (12 pt. font) and should describe the applicant's feelings on the following:
 - i. Why the applicant decided to study engineering and why he/she chose their particular major.
 - ii. Why the applicant has applied for the SWE-LA scholarship.
 - iii. What the applicant considers their most important achievement to date.
 - iv. (for Graduate Scholarship only) Describe your research/career goals and how they will benefit society.
2. **TRANSCRIPT:** A copy (pdf version) of the applicant's transcript must show grades for the entire enrollment in current school (unofficial transcripts are acceptable). Additional

transcript(s) required from prior college or university where courses were taken towards current engineering degree.

3. **RESUME/CV:** A PDF copy of your resume should be attached and submitted along with your other application materials.
4. **REFERENCE LETTER - Minimum 1, 2 Maximum:** Letter of reference from an engineering professor or a faculty advisor detailing the applicant's academic performance. Letter must be dated in the application year and emailed to scholarships.swela@gmail.com. Applicants for the Graduate Student Scholarship must submit 2 references.
5. **REFERENCE LETTER NO. 2:** Letter of reference from another engineering professor, an employer (present or former), or someone closely associated with any extra-curricular activities (such as a coach or faculty sponsor). This is required for Graduate Student Scholarship applicants. Applicant's employment need not be connected with engineering. Letter must be dated in the application year and emailed to scholarships.swela@gmail.com.
6. **SWE REFERENCE LETTER (Optional, Recommended):** Letter of reference from a Professional SWE member in good standing detailing your contributions to SWE. Letter must be dated in the application year and emailed to scholarships.swela@gmail.com.