



Idaho SWE Scholarships

What are SWE Scholarships?

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a national organization that aims to encourage women to enter engineering. The Southwest Idaho SWE section offers merit-based scholarships to women from *anywhere* in Idaho planning to pursue a degree in engineering, or an engineering-related field such as Computer Science or a hard science. The number of scholarships and amounts vary each year depending on donations. In 2016, Southwest Idaho SWE awarded \$2000 scholarships to 8 deserving Idaho ladies.

Who are they for?

Women residing in the state of Idaho entering their first year of an ABET accredited college may submit an application. Students must prove that they will be attending a 4- or 5-year engineering school (accredited by ABET, Accredited Board of Engineering and Technology) in the year that the scholarship is received.

The most important consideration for selection is an essay submitted by the applicant written about her desire to enter an engineering or engineering-related field and why that particular field interests her. The essay should be a **maximum of 1000 words**, double spaced and **not** mention financial need. Please have the applicant's name at the top or bottom of every page of the essay. The essay should be inventive and tell the story of her path to choosing engineering. It should include the following:

- What inspired her to choose engineering
- What has she done to prepare herself for the field of engineering
- What kinds of activities she has undertaken to explore engineering as a career choice

The Scholarship Committee will also consider the applicants' academic achievements, (emphasizing math and science), a recommendation from a high school math or science teacher, and extracurricular activities and accomplishments.

How do I apply?

Online application submission begins January 1st, 2017. The applications must be completed and **submitted via our website no later than midnight on February 26th, 2017**. Applicants will be notified of the results through email by March 29th, 2017. Scholarship awards will be presented to the winners at the SWE Scholarship Luncheon held in Boise, Idaho the afternoon of April 22nd. All winners are encouraged to attend so that we can get to know you! Scholarship checks will be issued directly to the student after receiving proof of college registration.

Applications are only accepted electronically. To apply, please:

- Fill out the application on the Southwest Idaho SWE Section website at: <http://swidaho.swe.org/scholarships>
- Ask a science, math or technology teacher to fill out the reference form at <http://swidaho.swe.org/scholarships>
- Ask your counselor to email your transcript and ACT or SAT scores to idahoswe@gmail.com or submit them digitally along with the online application

For more information or to notify us of any problems with this material, please contact the current SWE Scholarship Committee: IdahoSWE@gmail.com