Apply for a SWE scholarship, earn a cool award, get social with us

SWENext DesignLab High School Community Award

The new SWENext DesignLab events in Pittsburgh and San Jose are offering awards to high school juniors and seniors. The awards are for students who are involved in STEM in their communities or excited about STEM opportunities. Award winners will have the chance to attend the SWENext DesignLab events at the WE Local conferences, which will be held next month in Pittsburgh and San Jose. Winners will also receive a trophy and other goodies! The deadline to apply for the Pittsburgh award is January 31 and February 7 for San Jose. Click here for information on the Pittsburgh award and here for information on the San Jose award.

SWE Scholarships for High School Seniors

Calling all high school seniors who plan to study engineering in college! Now is the time to apply for scholarships. SWE offers scholarships to seniors who will be entering an ABET accredited engineering or computer science program. SWE Scholarships are now open for you to apply. Visit here for details on how to apply.

Invent it. Build it. Video Release
If you missed out on Invent it. Build it. last year, it is not too late to catch up on all the action! Check out the cool video and learn more about some of the highlights from the event.

**New Year, New Goals: January Social Media Challenge**

January brings in a New Year and with the New Year comes new goals and ambitions. For this month’s social media challenge, we are asking that you tweet us on how you want to get more involved with SWE this year! Tag @swetalk and use #SWEtwitterchallenge to be sure that your tweet is entered in this month’s competition. The winner will be drawn randomly from all of the submissions.

**Making 2017 a More Creative Year**

2016 was a year to remember! There were undoubtedly highs and lows that we can all look back and reflect on. The [TedTalk](https://www.ted.com) sheds a light on how the particularly low points in 2016 can help us make 2017 a better year by learning how challenges can inspire our levels of creativity.

**REAP the Rewards of a Summer Research Opportunity**

SWENexters have the opportunity to apply for the Army Educational Outreach Program's (AEOP) summer Research and Engineering Apprenticeship Program (REAP).

REAP is a program offered to high school students that have a specific focus on recruiting historically underrepresented groups in engineering fields. Through this program students will gain hands on research experience at the university level. REAP participants get to learn what it is like to work in the industry and have the opportunity to gain insight on what their college research might look like!

The project duration usually spans between 5-8 weeks June through July. Visit the AEOP Programs page to learn more about this year's host universities and their locations and other programs being offered.