

INVEST IN IMPACT: SWE SCHOLARSHIPS

Fueling Persistence.
Advancing Equity.
Building the Future of STEM.



MISSION & VISION

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) Scholarship Program is committed to financially **advancing, inspiring, and elevating** students to pursue education and careers in engineering and technology globally. By identifying outstanding students and reducing the financial and systemic barriers they face, SWE is helping to build a more diverse and innovative STEM workforce.



THE CASE FOR SUPPORT: MEASURABLE RESULTS



Nearly half of women who begin a STEM bachelor's degree do not complete it. But women who received a SWE scholarship had a STEM graduation rate of 95.7%.”

SWE Research, 2024

A 6-year analysis of over 1,200 SWE Scholarship recipients (2017–2023) found:

- **87.7%** of recipients earned or are still pursuing a STEM degree
- **84.7%** are completing or have completed a degree in engineering, engineering technology, or computer science (ECS)
- SWE scholars **outperform the national STEM retention average** of 48%
- Average award: Just under **\$4,000**

ROI for Sponsors: Every scholarship dollar invested improves STEM degree persistence, builds workforce-ready talent, and supports a pipeline of skilled engineers and technologists.



THE REAL-WORLD IMPACT OF SWE SCHOLARSHIPS

SWE scholarships do more than fund education. They remove barriers and open doors for students who will become tomorrow's engineers, researchers, and innovators.



Financial Relief: STEM degrees are longer and more costly. Scholarships ease that burden and support completion.



Representation & Belonging: In male-dominated fields, scholarships provide visible, affirming support that helps students overcome isolation and imposter syndrome.



Supporting Underrepresented Students in STEM: SWE scholarships provide direct support to students from underrepresented racial and ethnic backgrounds, who continue to face unequal pay and limited advancement in STEM careers. These scholarships help close opportunity gaps and contribute to long-term success.

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PROGRAM SNAPSHOT

WHO APPLIES?

Last cycle, over 4,000 students applied, from first-year college students to Ph.D. candidates.

FIELD OF STUDY

Students pursue over 200 different majors, most commonly:

- Mechanical Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Biomedical Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Computer Science

ELIGIBILITY

Students must be pursuing ABET-accredited engineering/technology degrees (or equivalent international programs for SWE India applicants)

TIMELINE

- **Applications Open:** December and February
- **Review:** February and April
- **Award Notifications:** May–August
- **Recipients shared with Sponsors:** August–September



BENEFITS FOR SPONSORS



Advance Equity: Reach historically excluded students and support a field that reflects the world it serves.



Access Top Talent: Connect early with high-achieving, diverse future engineers.



Enhance Your Brand: Be recognized across SWE's national platforms, including the annual conference which attracts 20,000+ attendees.



Track Your Impact: SWE provides outcome data aligned to your Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) goals.

LET'S BUILD THE FUTURE TOGETHER

When you sponsor a SWE scholarship, you're not just supporting a student. You're investing in the transformation of an entire field. Your contribution helps students graduate, innovate, and lead.

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