

# SWENext Club Counselor Grant Application Information

**Application Open Date:** August 19, 2024

**Application Close Date:** June 6, 2025

## Purpose

This grant is created to alleviate potential financial burdens created by the current SWENext Club registration process by covering the membership cost for one (1) SWE Educator Membership (\$20 value) for a select number of SWENext Clubs.

## Eligibility

The following must be true for clubs to receive this grant:

- 1) Be looking for a Primary Club Counselor to either register a new club or renew an existing club counselor's SWE Membership to retain their club's active status
- 2) Current club counselors do not have current paid SWE Membership except for the designated club counselor who will be receiving the grant award.
- 3) Candidate meets one of the following criteria:
  - a) Is a teacher/educator
  - b) Is a professional engineer that is not a current SWE member
  - c) Is a SWENext [Adult Advocate](#)
- 4) Candidate is an adult over the age of 18
- 5) Provide a roster (first name only) of club members (this can include potential and/or current members)
- 6) Of your roster, the following must apply:
  - a) There must be a minimum of 5 students
  - b) 40% must identify as female.
  - c) 75% of team members must/plan to be registered as SWENexters.
  - d) Club Members must be between the ages of 5-18.

## Process

- 1) Fill out the SWENext Club Counselor Grant Application. Application Sample [here](#)
- 2) SWE HQ will review applications
- 3) Grant application results will be announced 2 weeks after the end of each cycle.
  - a) If you are accepted, follow the instructions in your acceptance email to obtain your grant award.

b) If you are rejected, you may reapply for the grant one (1) more time during the same cycle.

4) Register your club!

### SWE HQ Application Schedule

Application Review (fiscal year and cycle)	SWE Membership Awarded
<b>FY25 - Cycle 3</b>	
Open August 19 - Closes November 11 11:59pm CT	FY25
<b>FY25 - Cycle 1</b>	
Open January 16 - Closes March 31 11:59pm CT	Early Bird FY26 Renewal
<b>FY25 - Cycle 2</b>	
Open May 1 - Closes June 6 11:59pm CT	FY26 Renewal
<b>FY26 - Cycle 3 TBA</b>	
Open August 15 - Closes November 10 11:59pm CT	FY26

### Rules

1. This grant is only for use for obtaining one SWE educator membership. All SWE Membership lasts until June 30 of each fiscal year. All memberships are subject to annual renewal.
  - a. The grant award: One (1) SWE educator membership will be obtained via a letter of acceptance from SWE HQ, that will contain a specific code created for the membership discount.
  - b. Any misuse of this grant from its stated purpose above, will result in immediate action and the club in question will not be able to secure grant funding for SWENext for one (1) year.
2. Grants will be extended to clubs based on eligibility (see above) and the amount of funding left.
3. Review of eligibility for the grant and distribution of the grant is per the discretion of SWE HQ.
4. Each SWENext Club, if rejected (receives a rejection email), can reapply for the grant during another cycle.
5. Each SWENext club that receives a grant award (receives an award email), cannot apply for this grant again for the same fiscal year membership award.

- a. (ex. Clubs that are awarded a FY26 SWE membership cannot apply for this grant again until FY27 SWE memberships are awarded for the grant.)
6. Any SWENext club that receives a grant award will not be guaranteed a grant award for later applications even if they fit the eligibility criteria.
7. Current active SWE members are ineligible for this grant.
  - a. Please note that the Educator Membership is a discount that is applied to any one who qualifies as an educator or teacher when joining/renewing the SWE Professional Membership.
  - b. Previous recipients of this grant can reapply annually.
8. All grant applications must be submitted with all required fields filled out according to instructions. Failure to fill out an application properly will result in a rejection of your application if it has been submitted.
  - a. NOTE: There is an agreement page at the end of the application. Completion of this page will be considered a completed application. DO NOT fill out this page until you are ready to submit the application.

## **FAQ**

### **What is a Primary Counselor?**

A Primary counselor refers to the SWE next counselor who serves as your club's liaison and main point of contact to SWE HQ. The counselor must have a SWE Membership of any type or sign up for a SWE Membership for a club's registration to be accepted.

### **What should I do if I currently don't have any club members?**

New clubs or clubs that have not started can still apply for this grant. You are allowed to submit a roster that includes potential club members as well. Be sure to follow the Sample Roster Format in the form.

### **Can I re-submit my application if I don't have the club roster ready?**

Our application was designed so that you can save and return to your application if necessary. Do not submit your application until all parts of your application are completed. If you accidentally submitted your application early, contact [outreach@swe.org](mailto:outreach@swe.org)

### **Can retired engineering professionals be a club counselor?**

Maybe. Retired professional engineers will count under the "professional engineer" qualification; however, as with currently working professionals, the potential counselor in question cannot hold any active SWE Membership

### **Will the club rosters be shared?**

No. SWE HQ will not share any of your roster information to any individual or organization.

### **Grant Application Link**

Apply for the SWENext Clubs Counselor Grant FY25 [Here](#)