Society of American Military Engineers: Who We Are and What We Do

During World War I, it became apparent that there was a need for our nation to access public and private sector engineers to support the nation’s defense. In 1919, the Army’s Chief of Engineers proposed the formation of an "association of engineers" that would preserve, and expand upon, connections formed in war and promote the advancement of engineering and its related professions. Subsequently the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) was founded by Congressional Act in 1920. The Society’s Motto was, “Dedicated to the National Defense”. Today (exactly 100 years later), the Society has over 30,000 members from industry, military, academia and government. The Society’s Mission is to, “Build leaders and lead collaboration among government and industry to develop multidisciplined solutions to national security infrastructure challenges.”

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA: Applicants must comply with the following:

a. Be a citizen of the United States.
b. Eligible for admission to an accredited Educational Institution of the United States.
c. Expressed intent to pursue a degree in engineering, architecture, or science curriculum, such as computer science, physics, environmental science, biology, chemistry, geology, etc.

SELECTION CRITERIA:

a. Academic Achievement/Grade Point.
b. Demonstrated leadership skills (extracurricular activities such as, community service activities, student government, athletics, band, scouting, etc.).
c. Two Reference Letters.
d. Applicant’s written essay.
e. Geographic area – A resident of the North Texas Region (Member counties of North Texas Council of Governments) or resident of an area with an SAME Post that also gives consideration to students from the North Texas region.
f. Participation or interest in ROTC program. (desirable but not mandatory)
g. Financial need will be considered (explain per additional consideration section, page 4)

SELECTION:
The Dallas Post Foundation Board shall utilize an evaluation plan to rate and rank all eligible candidates.

The application and required information is due to the Dallas Post Foundation at the following address by May 8, 2020.

SAME Scholarship Applications
ATTN: Ben Matthews, PE
609 Seeport Drive
Allen, TX 75013

* Funding for the Subsequent Academic Year is based on the Student’s Grade Point Average of 2.75 or higher and continued field of study in the engineering, architecture or sciences

All eligible candidates will receive consideration without regard to race, religion, color, age, national origin, sexual orientation, lawful political affiliations, marital status, or other non-disqualifying physical, or mental handicap.
Date: __________________________

Student's Information
Name: (Last) __________________________ (First) __________________________ (Middle) __________________________
Home Address: _____________________________________________________________
City: __________________________ State: __________________________ Zip Code: __________
Telephone: (     ) __________________________ E-mail: __________________________
High School Presently Attending: _____________________________________________
Male ________ Female ________ Social Security Number: ________ Required upon Selection
Counselor's Name: __________________________ Telephone: (     ) __________________________

Education Information:
SAT Scores: Evidenced-Based Reading Writing __________ Math __________
Total __________ Test Date __________________________

ACT Comprehensive Scores __________________________

College Choice(s) 1. __________________________ 2. __________________________

Proposed Major(s) 1. __________________________ 2. __________________________

List honors and extracurricular activities, including offices/leadership positions held: (Use an additional sheet if necessary)
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Family Data:
Number of siblings in your family ____________________ Siblings at Home ____________________
                                      Siblings in College________________________

Father _____ Stepfather _____ Guardian _____    Mother ___ Stepmother _____ Guardian _____
Name ________________________________    Name ________________________________
Home Address ___________________________    Home Address ___________________________
City __________ State ______  Zip _____    City __________ State_______  Zip _____
Telephone Number ( ) ____________________    Telephone Number ( ) ____________________
Employed by ____________________________    Employed by ____________________________
Position ________________________________    Position ________________________________

Applicant and Parent / Guardian Affirmation
Both the applicant and parent/guardian must read the following statement and sign as indicated.

We affirm that the information provide on this application is accurate to the best of our knowledge. We understand that misrepresentations may constitute fraud which may result in the loss of eligibility for the scholarship or have other legal consequences. We give permission for the Foundation Selection Committee to review applicant's transcripts, test scores and other pertinent information.

Applicant Signature ______________________ Date

Parent/Guardian Signature ______________________ Date

Required Attachments
- Letters of Recommendation (see page 4)
- Written Essay (see page 4)
- Copy of Transcript
Letters of Recommendation:
Two letters of recommendation (limited to 1 page each) are required; one from a teacher, principal, coach or guidance counselor and the other from another individual (non-relative) acquainted with you (i.e., club advisor, coach, volunteer work supervisor, employer, scout master, religious leader). The letters of recommendation should detail the applicant’s background, level of participation and achievements, leadership abilities and community involvement.

Written Essay:
Provide no more than one typed page, double spaced, on one of the following topics:

- How higher education and national security infrastructure challenges are related.
- How we can make our communities more resilient to absorb, recover and adapt to natural and man-made threats.
- Explain the role of a leader and where you served as a leader and the contributions that you made.

Additional Considerations:
Are there any special circumstances of which the Foundation Selection Committee should be aware as they review your application? If so, please explain on a separate typed sheet (limited to 1 page double spaced).