Scholarship Program
The mission of the Society of American Military Engineers is to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and in competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals. Consistent with this mission, the Greater Kansas City Post will provide scholarships to students to promote long term relationship with future members and leaders in SAME by assisting them with their educational objectives.

Eligibility
To be eligible for the GKC SAME scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

1. Undergraduate applicants must be students entering their junior, senior or fifth year majoring in an ABET-accredited or equivalent curriculum in Engineering, Architecture, Planning and Urban Design, Construction Management, Environmental Science or a related hard science (such as chemistry, biology, physics, geology, or earth sciences) that directly supports, contributes to, or is related to the mission of the Society, as stated above.

Graduate applicants must also be majoring in the fields listed above or pursuing an MBA.

2. Applicants must have a permanent address in the greater Kansas City region* unless they are students active with a GKC-affiliated college chapter or family members of active or reserve military.

3. Applicants must be enrolled in at least 12 hours (undergraduate) or 3 hours (graduate).

4. Applicants must submit 2 faculty references (undergraduate) or 2 faculty or professional references (graduate).

5. Applicants must submit a copy of their current transcript or cumulative grade card.

6. Applicants must submit a completed application form and essay by due date.

* Greater Kansas City region includes Platte, Ray, Jackson, Cass, and Johnson Counties in Missouri, and Leavenworth, Wyandotte, Johnson, Douglas, and Miami Counties in Kansas.

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Selection Process

The selection process for determining scholarship awards will include:

- **Scholarship Selection Committee:** The Scholarship Selection Committee shall be comprised of a minimum of five members of the GKC Post Board of Directors. Committee members will recuse themselves from the committee if they are related to any applicant for that year.

- **Evaluation and Scoring of Applications:** Review of scholarship applications will be a blind process, meaning that the names and other identifying information of the applicants will be removed from each application before distribution to the Scholarship Selection Committee. Scholarship applications will be identified by a number assigned by the Scholarship Chairman who will track the applications and their scoring. The applications will be ranked by each individual of the Scholarship Selection Committee, whereupon the ranked applications will be tabulated during a selection meeting of the committee.

- **Quantity of awards:** The number of scholarship awards will be at the discretion of the Scholarship Selection Committee subject to the amount of funding available by the GKC Post.

  It is anticipated that we will award two Undergraduate scholarships and one Graduate scholarship.

- **Value of awards:** The amount of scholarship funding for each year will be determined by the GKC Post Board of Directors following the reconciliation of the annual budget following the Industry Day event.

  It is anticipated that the Undergraduate awardees will receive a $2,000 scholarship and Graduate awardee will receive a $1,000 scholarship.

- **The selection of scholarship winners is left solely to the discretion of the Committee who will submit the winners to the GKC Post Board of Directors for approval.**

- **Note:** This program is intended for upperclassmen and graduate students. The Post received input from university staff who indicated that there are more scholarships and tuition support programs for underclassmen and fewer for upperclassmen. In addition, there is a high attrition rate for engineering students in the first two years of the program.

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Scholarship Program Administration

Management and administration of the GKC Post SAME Scholarship Program includes:

- **Schedule:** The following schedule will be adhered to:
  - Applications will be due by July 1 each year.
  - Notifications will be made to award winners no later than August 15 of the application year. Letters of regret will also be sent to applicants who were not selected for awards.
  - Announcements will be distributed to the general Post membership and Sustaining Members, to the Post’s Student Chapters, and to local military installations.
  - Applications will be reviewed and the slate of awardees will be completed by the Board of Directors.
  - The Chair of the Education and Mentoring Committee and/or Chair of the College Outreach Committee will brief the Board of Directors on the slate of awardees and request a vote to approve the slate at the April Board Meeting.

- **Scholarship awards:** The scholarship amount to be made available to award winners will be recommended by the Scholarship Program chairperson and approved by the Board of Directors. The amount available for scholarships will be made known to the Education and Mentoring Committee after the annual budget is approved by the Board of Directors.

- **Annual Renewal of Scholarship awards:** Scholarship awardees are eligible to receive renewing scholarships for subsequent collegiate course work. Scholarships can be renewed annually for up to $8,000 in total awards.

- **Obligations for Annual Scholarship Renewal:** To receive an annual scholarship renewal, scholarship awardee is required to:
  1. Resubmit a scholarship application the following year following the Eligibility guidelines stated above.
  2. Attend one of the SAME GKC Post meetings or events between initial scholarship award and renewal period.
  3. Coordinate at least two touchpoints, in person or by phone, with GKC post mentor between initial scholarship award and renewal period. GKC Post mentor will be assigned College Outreach Committee upon initial sponsorship award.