Article I

1. This Omaha Post Mary McKernan Needs-Based Scholarship shall be offered annually to a graduating high school senior and the other four to current college students enrolled in an engineering/architectural program or a related field at any accredited university/college. To the extent possible, preference will be given to those high school students participating in the Omaha Post’s Student Mentoring Program or similar Post or school sponsored engineering/architectural activities.

2. The scholarship awarded hereunder shall be in the amount of Two Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($2,000.00) for incoming college freshman. Scholarships for students entering their sophomore, junior, senior or fifth year of college shall be $2,000. As long as the awardee continues to meet the requirements put forth by the Omaha Post, the scholarship can be renewed each year for a total amount of Ten Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($10,000.00) if renewed for all five years. If a student finishes their course of study over four years, the scholarship will be increased to $4,000 on their fourth year. The maximum scholarship award will be Ten Thousand and no/100 Dollars ($10,000.00).

3. High school students meeting the following criteria shall be eligible to apply for this scholarship:
   a. Applications shall be received on or before April 1.
   b. Candidate must be a senior in high school.
   c. Candidate must be nominated by a teacher. A teacher can nominate more than one student.
   d. A letter of recommendation must be submitted with the completed application form. Only one letter of recommendation per applicant will be accepted. The letter shall include the extent of the recommender’s contact with the applicant and the opportunities he/she has had to observe the applicant. The letter shall be addressed to the “SAME Omaha Post Scholarship Committee.” The following suggested points should be considered in the letter:
      i. The quality of the applicant’s academic or character achievements;
      ii. The applicant’s scholarly or character potential for future work and the community;
      iii. Aspects of the applicant’s personality and character significant to potentially being selected as a scholarship recipient;
      iv. The applicant’s special skills and experience where demonstrated in engineering/architecture or a related field.
   e. The Omaha Post will assign a mentor for the scholar. The candidate must have contact at least once during the following year with the Omaha Post mentor.
   f. Candidates must anticipate entering an engineering/architectural program or a related field at any accredited university/college.
   g. Candidates should have a desired 2.5 or higher cumulative Grade Point Average (GPA).
   h. Candidates shall list what community service organizations or activities in which they have participated during the last year. Employment information, honors, and awards shall also be listed, if any.
   i. To the extent possible, preference shall be given to students who have demonstrated financial need. Candidates should be participating in the free and reduced price school
meal program.

j. Candidates shall submit a 250 word essay describing his/her financial situation, any special circumstances, and reasons for applying for this scholarship. Candidates shall also describe how the field of study he/she has chosen relates to his/her academic, professional, and personal goals.

4. College students meeting the following criteria shall be eligible to apply for this scholarship:
   a. Applications shall be received on or before April 1 (renewal applications shall be received on March 1).
   b. Candidate must currently be a freshman, sophomore, junior, or senior enrolled in an engineering/architectural program or a related field at any accredited university/college.
   c. Candidates shall have a desired 2.5 or higher cumulative GPA.
   d. Candidates shall submit a 250 word essay describing his/her financial situation, any special circumstances, and reasons for applying for this scholarship. Candidates shall also describe what they have learned in their engineering studies to date, what they envision for their post-academic career and how SAME can play a role in fulfilling those career goals. This essay should demonstrate their knowledge of SAME and how they may be a part of SAME’s mission.
   e. To the extent possible, preference shall be given to students who are members, preferably committee members or officers, in good standing of their local Society of American Military Engineers Student Chapter.
   f. The Omaha Post will assign mentors for the scholars; for renewals, the candidate must have contact at least once a year with Omaha Post mentor.

5. All scholarships awarded hereunder shall be for one academic year. To renew the scholarship for the next academic year, the scholarship awardee needs to submit an updated application minus the essay to jpeterson@morrisseyengineering.com or Joel Peterson, 3220 Cottonwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68134, by March 1 verifying that they continue to meet the college criteria listed in paragraph 4 above.

6. In the event that a scholarship previously awarded becomes available (e.g. scholar changing degree programs or failing to meet minimum requirements), a new selection using the criteria described within Article I will be made. Note that announcement of the selection may be made via alternative means due to likelihood of differing timeframes.

7. College students not currently in receipt of an Omaha Post SAME scholarship are encouraged to apply in order to fill any “vacancies” resulting from one or more scholarships not being renewed. That is, if a student decides not to renew (or fails to meet minimum requirements for renewal), their scholarship will be awarded to another student, preferably one entering the same year of study. For example, Student A fails to renew their scholarship after sophomore year; that scholarship is then awarded to another student (Student B), who is preferably entering their junior year (i.e. the same class in which Student A would have been if continuing in the program). Please check with Joel Peterson, jpeterson@morrisseyengineering.com, before applying to make sure a vacancy is available.

8. Please use the attached application form and submit to jpeterson@morrisseyengineering.com or Joel Peterson, 3220 Cottonwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68134. Please note there are separate forms for the High School Scholarship and the College Scholarship. Make sure you use the correct form.

Article II

1. The recipient(s) of this scholarship shall be determined by the Scholarship Committee, which for the purposes of determining the recipient shall be composed of no less than three SAME
members with no connections to the recipients.

2. To the extent possible, the Scholarships shall be awarded at the Omaha Post SAME Industry Day each year; in the event that timing doesn’t allow for the presentation at the Industry Day, separate arrangements will be made for the presentation.

3. The Omaha Post Board shall be kept apprised in a timely manner of the Scholarship Committee’s activities.

4. This Scholarship shall be administered without regard to race, color, religion, age, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

5. SAME reserves the right to increase or decrease this Scholarship.

6. If at any time, the Scholarship Committee determines that the purpose for which this Scholarship was established no longer exists, or cannot be reasonably carried out, the Scholarship Committee shall request the SAME Omaha Post Board to suspend the Scholarship.

7. Nonetheless the foregoing, the Scholarship may be amended or modified from time to time with the approval of the Omaha Post Board.
APPLICATION FOR HIGH SCHOOL NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIP
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, OMAHA POST
(Please type or print information)

Applicant’s Legal Name: _______________________________________________________
(Type or Print)

(Signature – Attesting to the validity and accuracy of the information provided on this application)

Email: __________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

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Phone: __________________________________________________________

High School Name: ______________________________________________________

Degree & University/College: _____________________________________________

Year in School: _______________________________________________ Nominated by: __________________________
(Must be Senior) (Teacher) (Print Teacher’s Name)

Grade Point Average: __________________________________________________
(2.5 or better cumulative GPA)

(A transcript is not required as part of this application, however SAME may request a transcript for verification if necessary)

Community Service Organizations, Activities, Awards, Honors:

________________________________________________________

Is the applicant in the free and reduced price school meal program? Yes ( ) No ( )

(SAME requests proof of participation in the free and reduced price school meal program. A copy of the approval letter for the program should be provided with this application.)

Candidates shall submit a 250 word essay describing his/her financial situation, any special circumstances, and reasons for applying for this scholarship. Candidates shall also describe how the field of study he/she has chosen relates to his/her academic, professional, and personal goals. A letter of recommendation must be submitted with the completed application form.

Please submit this completed form, essay, letter of recommendation, and free/reduced price school meal program approval letter to jpeterson@morrisseyengineering.com or Joel Peterson, 3220 Cottonwood Lane, Omaha, NE 68134.
APPLICATION FOR
CURRENT COLLEGE STUDENT NEEDS-BASED SCHOLARSHIP
SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS, SAME, OMAHA POST

(Please type or print information)

Applicant’s Legal Name: ____________________________________________

(Type or Print)

(Signature – Attesting to the validity and accuracy of the information provided
on this application)

Email: ____________________________________________________________

Address: __________________________________________________________

Phone: ____________________________________________________________

Degree Field &
University/College: ________________________________________________

Year in School:
(Fr, So, Jr, Sr) ____________________________________________________

Grade Point Average:
(2.5 or better cumulative GPA) ________________________________

(A transcript is not required as part of this application, however SAME may
request a transcript for verification if necessary)

Involvement in SAME
Student Chapter: ____________________________________________________

(Student Member, Committee
Member, Officer)

Contact with SAME Mentor:
(Renewal Only – list
interactions with mentor)

Community Service
Organizations, Activities,
Awards, Honors:

__________________________________________________________

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