RE: Society of American Military Engineers Scholarship Program

Last year, the San Diego Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) granted 7 scholarships totaling $45,000 to local college and university engineering and architectural students. **As part of SAME’s Centennial Celebration, this year we will be awarding $100,000 with top awards of $15,000.** The scholarships are awarded exclusively to individuals pursuing a degree in Engineering or Architecture.

In addition, we have three specific scholarships: Captain Tom Crane (Ret), Rear Admiral Ben Montoya, and Jackie Price-Dunn.

The Captain Tom Crane Scholarship honors Captain Crane who served 31 years in the Civil Engineer Corps retiring as Commanding Officer, NAVFAC Southwest. During that tour he served as President of the San Diego SAME post. Later he co-chaired the 2000 SAME National Convention profits from which funded the startup of the San Diego Post Education and Scholarship Trust which he helped established. He served as the first Post Executive Director for many years and as the Trust Financial Officer for 8 years and established the highly successful Trust investment plan still use today.

The Rear Admiral Ben Montoya Scholarship Honors Rear Admiral Ben Montoya’s Naval Career spanning 32 years. Beginning with a tour in Vietnam, he rose through the ranks to become Chief of the Civil Engineer Corps. He retired in 1989 with the rank of Rear Admiral. In addition to his Naval Academy education, Ben also received master’s degrees in engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Georgia Institute of Technology and a Juris Doctor degree from Georgetown School of Law. He was Chairman of the CEC/Seabee Historical Foundation during the opening of the new Seabee Museum in 2009.

The Jackie Price-Dunn Scholarship honors the memory of Jackie Price-Dunn. Jackie was a NAVFAC Southwest Engineer and member of our SAME board who died tragically in a bicycling accident a few years ago. The award is meant to commemorate Jackie and her inspiring passion for everything she was involved in, both at work and in her private life, and her willingness to help and mentor others attain their goal and aspirations. The award will be presented to a female engineer or Architecture student who best exemplifies those things that Jackie stood for: dedication to professional excellence, proactive involvement in the local community, and a passion for helping others to reach their personal goals.

Applications will be accepted directly from students online. The candidates must be undergraduate or graduate students and display enthusiastic promise in their studies. Grade point average will not be the only consideration. Involvement in other professional activities and organizations, employment and internship history, future plans, and financial need are among other key considerations.
Interviews will be scheduled with the candidates deemed best qualified by the SAME Scholarship Committee following a review of individual resumes. The criteria for interview selection will be:

- Academic achievement and professional activities
- Community and other outside involvement
- Work experience
- Financial need
- Future Plans
- Military service (Veteran, Reserves, ROTC), however not required to receive a scholarship.
- A 500 word essay

In addition to the cash award and a scholarship certificate, each scholarship winner and one guest will be invited to the SAME Awards Ceremony luncheon.

The scholarship application package for each individual must be submitted with all supporting documents no later than 5:00 pm on Friday, **February 28, 2020**, in the following format:

1. Completed online scholarship application form
2. Upload most current official or unofficial transcript; proof of academic achievements, professional activities, two letters of recommendation and employment record.
3. A maximum 500-word essay is part of the online application: *How You Intend to Benefit the Profession with Your Degree*. Issues addressed may include regional, state or national topics.

Interviews will be conducted on March 18th, at a time and place to be announced. Award presentations will be made at the SAME membership lunch meeting on April 8th.

You must be a SAME member and member of the San Diego Post to apply for the scholarship and student membership is FREE. See flyer below or the following link [https://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Be-a-Member/Profile-Update/Student-Membership](https://www.same.org/Get-Connected/Be-a-Member/Profile-Update/Student-Membership) to sign up. Once you have signed up for SAME, go to SAME.org and log into your member account, click on Member Account in the blue bar near the top of the page, scroll down to Scholarships and click on San Diego Scholarship Application.

If you have any questions, or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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