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**Applications for 2025 Student Scholarships are now being accepted!!**

**Deadline: Monday, June 2, 2025**

Dear SAME-LA Post Members and Friends,

The Society of American Military Engineers Los Angeles Post (SAME-LA) remains committed to helping Los Angeles County STEM students succeed, and we are proud to announce our 2025 Scholarship Program. We will be awarding a minimum of five (5) scholarships this year, ranging from \$2,000 to \$3,000 each. We are able to do this through the generous donations and fundraising efforts of our members and supporters.

SAME-LA will be awarding scholarships to individuals who plan to enter college or vocational/technical school or are currently enrolled in an undergraduate program or vocational/technical school and are majoring in science technology or a natural science, engineering, or math.

There are 4 categories of scholarships available. The eligibility requirements for each are listed below:

1. **High School Seniors (graduating in Spring 2025)**

Accepted to a U.S. college in an accredited program in science technology or a natural science, engineering, or math (STEM)

2. **Current/New Vocational/Technical School Students**

Enrolling or continuing in a STEM-related program

3. **Current Undergraduate Students**

Enrolled in or continuing in a STEM-related undergraduate program

4. **United States Veterans**

Pursuing a STEM-related program at a vocational/technical school, community college, or other U.S. college/university



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ALL scholarship applicants shall:

- Begin/continue academic program by September 2025.
- Include financial need for scholarship funds in their personal statement.
- Attend SAME Scholarship Awards Event on **Thursday, July 24, 2025**, at Parkers' Lighthouse in Long Beach to receive the scholarship.

Note: Los Angeles County students receive a local preference quarter point (.25) added to their overall score.

Please share this information with your co-workers, families, and friends!

Application packets will be accepted through **Monday, June 2, 2025**, and may be (preferably) emailed or mailed to:

Cherie D. Smith, CPSM  
SAME-LA Post Scholarship Chair  
c/o Diaz•Yourman & Associates  
1616 E. 17th Street  
Santa Ana, CA 92705  
cherie@diazyourman.com



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## 2025 Student Scholarship Application

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First Middle

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

High School/College/Vocational/Technical  
School Currently Attending: \_\_\_\_\_

Expected Graduation Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Cumulative GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA in last 2 years: \_\_\_\_\_

**(Attach a copy of your current official transcript)**

List colleges, university, or vocational/trade school to which you have applied and status of your application or standing

College or University	Program (Math, Engr, etc.)	Status (accepted, pending, current student, etc.)

The mission of the Society of American Military Engineers is to promote and facilitate engineering support for national security. Among our core values are: integrity, public service, and excellence. Please attach a personal statement, explaining: 1) how your academic, extra-curricular, and professional activities have prepared you for a program in science, engineering, or math; 2) how these experiences demonstrate your commitment to SAME core values; and 3) any financial need for scholarship funds. Your essay should be typed and not exceed 500 words.

Please have a teacher, counselor, or advisor familiar with your talents and academic performance complete the attached recommendation form. It can be submitted with your packet or returned directly to the address below. E-mail submissions are preferable.

Please submit this completed form, your essay, transcript, and a recommendation by **Monday, June 2, 2025**, to:

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If selected for a scholarship, I understand and that I must be enrolled in an accredited U.S. college, university, technical or trade school by the Fall 2025 term, and I agree to attend a Scholarship Awards event on Thursday, July 24, 2025, to accept my scholarship. The event will be held at Parkers' Lighthouse in Long Beach, California, in the late afternoon.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date



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**2025 Student Scholarship Recommendation**

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Last

First

Middle

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone No: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you known the applicant and what is your relationship to the applicant?

Please rate the applicant in the following areas:

	Top 10%	Top 25%	Top 50%	Lower 50%
Maturity				
Academic talent				
Likelihood of success in STEM program				

Please describe the cohort, including size, used to rate the applicant (e.g., senior class of 50, 200 students taught over 5-year period, etc.).

Please attach a short statement that addresses the applicant's qualifications for this scholarship. In particular, we are interested in the applicant's need for the scholarship, interest in pursuing a career in engineering, science, or mathematics, and the likelihood of completing a college degree/certification in his or her chosen area. The recommendation can be returned to the student to submit with his/her packet or submitted directly by e-mail (preferred) or U.S. Mail not later than **Monday, June 2, 2025**, to:

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