



**Society of American Military Engineers  
Charleston Post  
Scholarship Program  
(2026 – 2027 Academic Year)**

The Charleston Post, Society of American Military Engineers (SAME), will award annual scholarships for the **2026 – 2027** school year to students pursuing for a degree in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM), or related field, in preparation for careers in architectural, engineering, environmental, OR construction disciplines. These scholarships are in the amount of up to \$2500 for each year of college per scholarship recipient. The scholarships are open to high school seniors or current college graduates or undergraduate students. The recipients will be required to be revalidated each subsequent award year to ensure they continue to meet the grade and curriculum requirements. All scholarships will be awarded to the most deserving applicants based on academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and affiliation with SAME.

Applicants must submit completed applications by **April 8, 2026**. **The SAME Charleston Post will present scholarships to the winners in May 2026 (exact date & time to be determined).**

**Eligibility:**

1. Must be a resident of Charleston, Berkeley or Dorchester County, and be a high school senior planning to enroll or current college student currently enrolled in a science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) or related curriculum at an accredited college or university during the **2026 – 2027** school year.
2. Have a minimum of a B average (3.0 on 4.0 scale) at time of application, whether college or high school. Higher grade point averages will garner greater preference.
3. Meet **at least one** of the following:
  - a. Active student member of SAME. Additional details on SAME student membership can be found here: [Student Membership - SAME](#).
  - b. Charleston Post SAME member or member of a sustaining firm / annual sponsor.
  - c. Be a dependent of a Charleston Post SAME member or member of a sustaining firm / annual sponsor.
  - d. Be sponsored by a Charleston Post SAME member or member of a sustaining firm / annual sponsor.
  - e. Agree to have a sponsor assigned from the SAME Charleston Post.
4. Provide a completed application form to include:

- a. Two (2) letters of recommendation from high school or college advisor, academic instructors or immediate supervisor.
- b. eCopy of high school or college transcript.
- c. eCopy of SAT/ACT results.
- d. Headshot photo with a short bio, including the name of your high school or college, your parents' names, your extracurricular activities and interests.

### **Selection Criteria:**

1. Graduating high school applicants: SAT or ACT test results. Higher scores will receive greater preference.
2. Grade point average. Higher average will receive greater preference.
3. Recommendation by advisor and/or instructor.
4. Required major in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) or related degrees.
5. Evidence of serious scholastic attitude, good character, leadership qualities, and well-rounded personal development.
6. Preference to students with military aspirations, as exemplified by enrollment in Officer Training program or previous military service.

### **Recertification Eligibility Requirements:**

Recipients of a SAME Charleston Post Scholarship during the 2025-2026 academic year are eligible for renewal, subject to meeting the requirements listed below:

1. Maintain study in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) or related degree field.
2. Maintain a C+/B- average (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) in courses.
3. Submit a current official or unofficial transcript each year.
4. Maintain student membership within SAME. If not currently a member of SAME, the recipient will be required to enroll as a student member of the Charleston Post. This is a free membership and additional details on SAME student membership can be found here: [Student Membership - SAME](#).

### **Scholarship Sponsors:**

If a scholarship recipient has a sponsor for their eligibility requirements, they will meet either in-person or virtually at least twice per academic year. The sponsor will be a volunteer from the Charleston Post who is a member in good standing with the Post. The role of the sponsor is to check on the academic progress of the student. Additionally, the sponsor is a resource for the scholarship recipient to assist with meeting members of the architecture-engineering industry and a sounding board for questions on internships and job opportunities. While twice per year is the minimum requirement, the recipient and sponsor can arrange more frequent communication if desired.

**Application Package Submittal – All Applications MUST Be Submitted Electronically – Please scan appropriate documents into one PDF file and include electronic files of your headshot photo.**

E-mail the submittal to: [PL\\_Legg@hotmail.com](mailto:PL_Legg@hotmail.com)

**All application data must be received by April 8, 2026.**

Questions can be directed to Mr. Legg at 843-297-9972, or the e-mail address above.

Sincerely,

*Paul L. Legg*

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SAME Charleston Post Scholarship Chair

**Society of American Military Engineers  
Charleston Post  
Scholarship Application  
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**Name (Last Name, First Name, Middle Name, Suffix):**

**Mailing Address (#, Street, City, State, Zip code):**

**Phone No:**

**Email Address:**

**Parent/Legal Guardian Name:**

**Parent/Legal Guardian Mailing Address & Phone No:**

**Are you affiliated with SAME or the Charleston Post? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If answer is yes to above question, please give full name of person/relationship to person/sustaining member firm (if applicable):**

**Are you a student member of SAME? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, please give the name of the Student Chapter and/or Post and your member #:**

**High School/City, State:**

**High School GPA:**

**High School Graduation Date:**

**College or University to attend (If you are already attending college, skip to next question):**

**Intended Major:**

**Have you attended or are you currently attending a college or university? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes to previous question, list the college/university, cumulative and major GPA:**

**College/University:**

**Major:**

**Cumulative GPA:**

**Major GPA:**

**Anticipated graduation date:**

**Why are you interested in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) or related degrees as a field of study? (Limit 250 words).**

**What would a scholarship from SAME mean for you? (Limit 250 words)**

**List membership in high school and/or college honor societies, athletic, and extracurricular activities (list leadership role or position in each organization):**

**Do you have plans for a military career? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, briefly describe:**

**Are you a member or do you plan on becoming a member of your high school or college ROTC unit?**

**Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, briefly describe:**

**(Check here if there is not an ROTC unit at your high school or college \_\_\_\_\_)**

**Have you ever been awarded a previous SAME scholarship? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_**

**If yes, by which Post?**

**In order to be eligible for this scholarship, you must submit the following with this application:**

1. *A current (including recently completed terms), certified copy of your high school or college transcript as appropriate)*
2. *The names and telephone numbers of the two references from your advisor/counselor or teacher/professor:*

*Reference #1 (Name/Position/Phone No/Email.):*

*Reference #2 (Name/Position/Phone No/Email.):*

3. *Letters of recommendation from two references MUST be attached to this application.*
4. *ACT or SAT scores*
5. *For graduating high school students, acceptance letter from college or university*

*Note: Items 2-5 are waived for returning applicants. Updated application responses are required and should include accomplishments and transcripts from previous academic year.*

**Signature:**

**Date:**

The application, transcript, essay and recommendation letters **must be received by April 8, 2026.**

**Email the package to: PL\_Legg@hotmail.com**

**Note: It is preferred for applicants to email one consolidated PDF of their application with the documents in the following order: (1) Application (2) Transcripts (3) References/ Letters of Recommendation (4) ACT or SAT scores (5) College/University Acceptance Letters**