



Society of American Military Engineers
Northern Virginia Post
2023 Scholarship Application

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

A. SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- I. **ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY I:** Members, sons or daughters of a Northern Virginia (NoVA) Post member, or individuals for whom the NoVA Post member is a legal guardian, who are high school graduating seniors, or current college undergraduate or graduate students, who have been accepted by a college or university and who plan to pursue or are currently pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field of study or a major related to or supporting the STEM Industry. The sponsor (self, father, mother, or legal guardian) must be a current member of the Northern Virginia Post.
- II. **ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY II:** George Mason University or University of Virginia Student Chapter members pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field of study or a major related to or supporting the STEM Industry, either undergraduate or graduate. The applicant must be a Student Member of the George Mason University Student Chapter or the University of Virginia Student Chapter. Post/Student Chapter affiliation will be verified with SAME National Headquarters.
- III. **ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY III:** Students sponsored by the NoVA Post who attended the SAME Engineering and Construction camp (Army, Navy, Air Force, or Marine Corps) within the past three years who have been accepted by a college or university and who plan to pursue or are currently pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field of study or a major related to or supporting the STEM Industry. The applicant must identify which Engineering Camp they attended and document NoVA Post sponsorship.
- IV. **ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY IV:** High school seniors, college undergraduate or graduate students whose home of residence is Northern Virginia and have a sponsorship letter from a current member of the Northern Virginia Post, who has been accepted by a college or university and who plan to pursue or are currently pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field of study or a major related to or supporting the STEM Industry. Proof of Residency will be required by providing a copy of a Virginia driver's license with a Northern Virginia address or by attending their Senior Year of High School at a Northern Virginia High School. Northern Virginia is considered the counties of Arlington, Fairfax, Loudoun, and Prince William, to include the independent cities within each of these counties.
- V. **ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY V:** Students who have been a previous recipient of the SAME NoVA Scholarship, either undergraduate or graduate, pursuing a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) field of study or a major related to or supporting the STEM Industry.

B. SCHOLARSHIP REGULATIONS

1. All eligibility categories will be evaluated equally. All applicants will be considered regardless of race, color, religion, national origin, sex, age, or rank of the sponsor.
2. The NoVA Post encourages applications from students within any category who wish to be considered for a needs-based scholarship based on the applicant's financial need and their family. Only one scholarship will be awarded per applicant.
3. If an applicant's family member is on the Post Scholarship Committee, the committee member will recuse themselves from all proceedings regarding the scholarship selection.

C. REQUIREMENTS

1. The complete application must include a signed acknowledgment (see Application Instructions).
2. The applicant will include official transcripts from all educational institutions, high schools, colleges, and universities.
3. The applicant will provide two letters of recommendation from individuals unrelated to the student. Suggested sources for letters of recommendation: school or educational institution faculty member, employer, leaders of volunteer organizations, or clergy. If the application is filed under Category IV, an additional letter from their NoVA post sponsor will be required.
4. An original 300-500 word typed essay addressing one of the topics listed below. Essays will be judged on sincerity, content, writing ability, grammar, and punctuation. If an application is filed under Category V, use prompt d to describe your career path. If you are an applicant who is not pursuing a STEM degree but rather an alternate degree, answer prompt e.
 - a. After graduation, do you plan on serving in the US Military or pursuing a career with the US Government? How does pursuing a degree in the STEM field impact your future career plans? What plans do you have to give back to your country or community?
 - b. What challenges do energy resources present to the building industry, and how can professional engineering societies be part of the solution
 - c. Why is improving the US infrastructure critical to national security? How can engineers and scientists help improve US infrastructure, and what impact can you make with your degree to improve the infrastructure in the US?
 - d. **(Students who have previously received a scholarship from the NoVA Post must answer this question)** Please provide an account of your last year in school, what classes were the most interesting, and describe what

extracurricular or volunteer activities you participated in. What does your year ahead look like? Are there any internships you have applied to and are there any interviews for a future position? What are your current post-graduation career plans? Do you need any assistance in making networking connections, or do you need a mentor in your field?

- e. **(Students NOT pursuing a STEM degree must answer this question)**
Please provide us with a statement of how you see your field of study and your career path applying to the STEM industry after graduation.

5. Sign and date the application, thereby acknowledging all statements to be accurate and factual and that you are fully aware of all the rules and requirements of the application.

D. INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications will be typed. A signature is required on the application. Print the application, sign it, scan it, and submit it electronically.
2. Transcripts, completed essay, and references must be part of the electronic application – scan transcripts or other hard copy documents as necessary.
3. Applications must be submitted electronically, preferably as one document.
4. Applications are judged on academic achievement, school-sponsored activities, community and extracurricular activities, personal achievement, essay, and recommendation letters.
5. Completed application and all attachments must be transmitted by e-mail by midnight, February 24, 2023. The committee will not consider any incomplete applications or those sent later than February 24, 2023.
6. E-mail the completed and signed application with all attachments to:

Carlos Flores-Garay
NoVA SAME Scholarship Committee Chairperson
Selection Committee Chairperson
E-mail: cfloresgaray@gmail.com

7. The Scholarship Committee will email applicants to indicate their successful application receipt.
8. Applicants will be notified by email of the decision of the Selection Committee by May 31, 2023.

2023-2024 SAME NOVA SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

ELIGIBILITY CATEGORY: I II III IV V

GRADE LEVEL: High School Undergraduate Graduate
 Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior

SAME MEMBER NUMBER (if appropriate):

APPLICANT'S NAME:

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

INSTITUTION PRESENTLY ATTENDING:

EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION SPONSORED ACTIVITIES: Indicate educational institution-sponsored activities (Honor Societies/Dean's List, Clubs, Student Government, Performing Arts, Athletics, etc.) that you participated in, including duration and any offices held and awards/honors received.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: Indicate extracurricular activities (outside of educational institutions) that you have participated in. Include community groups/projects, organizations, social groups, church, hobbies, and personal achievements. Include any offices held and awards/honors received.

WORK EXPERIENCES (IF APPLICABLE): Briefly describe your work experiences, paid or volunteer. Include future summer plans if you have applied for Internships/Work-Study for an upcoming break or semester.

EDUCATIONAL PLANS: Briefly describe your academic plans. For graduating High School seniors, provide the name of the college/university you will be attending or have applied for and your intended major. Confirmation of acceptance will be required to provide funds. For current university and college students, clarify your degree plans and the focus of your degree studies.

TRANSCRIPT CLARIFICATIONS: For graduating High School seniors, if not clearly indicated on your transcript, please identify which courses, if any, were advanced placement. Grading is assumed to be on a 4-point scale. If the grading system computes a GPA greater than 4.0 (on a 4-point scale), please explain how the GPA is

calculated. For undergraduate and graduate students, please provide any clarifications that might be necessary to address any irregularities in your transcript.

APPLICANT ESSAY: Include a 300-500 word typed essay on one of the prescribed topics, according to the requirements.

NEEDS-BASED INFORMATION (if applicable): If you wish to be considered for a needs-based scholarship, please provide a detailed financial statement and budget for the upcoming year for your expenses and a brief statement that describes relevant or special circumstances in support of a needs-based application.

PRIVACY ACT/ACKNOWLEDGMENT

I acknowledge reading the instructions about this application and fully understand the requirements therein. By signing, I am verifying that the information I have provided to the NOVA Post is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I freely consent to allow the Scholarship Committee to confirm all the information included herein. If selected for a scholarship, I agree to allow the use of my name and picture for publication in local newspapers, media, and SAME publications.

*I understand that the primary purpose of the information submitted is for the Post Scholarship Committee to judge my application for the possible award of a 2023-2024 scholarship. Disclosure of all information is **voluntary**; however, failure to provide requested information may result in the committee and its designated judges being unable to ultimately judge the submitted packet and determine eligibility for a scholarship award. All information is used solely to evaluate the applicant for a Post Scholarship; only members of the Scholarship Committee and appointed judges will have access to the information.*

Signature of Applicant

Date