

**THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS (SAME) OMAHA POST  
MARY MCKERNAN (NEEDS-BASED) SCHOLARSHIP**

**Article I**

1. This Omaha Post Needs-Based Scholarship shall be offered annually to a graduating high school senior. To the extent possible, preference will be given to those 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.
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 preceding the Omaha Post SAME Industry Day held each year.
  - 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. All scholarships awarded hereunder shall be for one academic year. Please use the attached application form and submit to [jshields@opd.com](mailto:jshields@opd.com) or Joseph R. Shields, 12515 Harney Circle, Omaha, NE 68154, verifying that the criteria listed in paragraph 3 above has been met.

## **Article II**

1. The recipient 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. Notwithstanding 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 MARY MCKERNAN (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: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Field & University/College: \_\_\_\_\_

Year in School: \_\_\_\_\_ Nominated by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be Senior) (Teacher) (Print Teacher's Name)

Grade Point Average: \_\_\_\_\_  
(2.5 or better cumulative GPA) (Teacher's Signature)

(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 requires 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 jshields@oppd.com or Joseph R. Shields, 12515 Harney Circle, Omaha, NE 68154.