

Society of Women Engineers Rocky Mountain Section



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TO: Scholarship and Financial Aid Coordinators

RE: **Society of Women Engineers Freshman Scholarship Program and Certificates of Merit Program**

The Rocky Mountain Section of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE-RMS) is pleased to announce its local scholarship program for graduating high school women. Students can apply for the scholarship by completing the Rocky Mountain Section Entering Freshman Application located on the SWE-RMS website. Scholarship awards range from \$500 - \$2,000. Eligible applicants must reside in Colorado or Wyoming and be planning to major in ABET-accredited engineering, computing, or engineering technology programs. For students residing in zip codes 80800-81599, please contact the Pikes Peak SWE chapter for more information on their scholarship program.

Candidates must submit all required application materials for the SWE-RMS scholarships by Thursday, February 1st, 2024. All application materials should be submitted to the Chairperson listed below. Submitting application materials via email is preferred; however, if a mailing address is needed to send hard copies of materials, please email the Chairperson for the mailing address. After applications have been reviewed, SWE-RMS will notify recipients at the beginning of April.

A successful applicant for SWE scholarships must demonstrate high academic performance and show an enthusiastic interest in her professional development in the field of engineering by participating in technical organizations, holding leadership positions, conducting research projects, and/or pursuing engineering or non-engineering related work experience. She must be a problem solver, an effective communicator, and considered an example to other students as a potential leader, in both academics and activities. Please encourage your motivated students to apply for these scholarships.

Each year, upon teacher or counselor recommendation, SWE-RMS also recognizes up to three female students in each high school for **outstanding achievement over three years in both mathematics and science** through the Certificates of Merit program. Please note that this is a separate program from the scholarship program. Additional information regarding the Certificates of Merit is located at <http://www.swe-rms.org/certificates-of-merit.html>.

Several SWE scholarships are awarded at the national level as well, in amounts varying from \$1000 to \$10,000, and some are renewable. Application forms for National SWE Scholarships are available online at www.SWE.org. Scholarships must be sent to the address shown on the back of that application, **not** to the Colorado address for the SWE-RMS scholarships, as they are judged independently.

Your support of the SWE programs is much appreciated. With your assistance, we hope to continue helping young women reach their academic goals in the field of engineering. If you have any questions about SWE-RMS scholarships, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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