



Northern Virginia Post Society of American Military Engineers 2010 Scholarship Application Instructions

Several scholarships are available for:

SONS OR DAUGHTERS OF A NORTHERN VIRGINIA POST MEMBER THAT ARE CONTINUING THEIR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM IN ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING OR ENGINEERING-RELATED FIELD OF STUDY OR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIORS WHO HAVE BEEN ACCEPTED BY A COLLEGE OR UNIVERSITY AND WHO PLAN TO PURSUE ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING OR AN ENGINEERING-RELATED FIELD OF STUDY

-OR-

NORTHERN VIRGINIA POST STUDENT MEMBERS, GEORGE MASON AND UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY STUDENT CHAPTER MEMBERS WHO ARE PURSUING ARCHITECTURE, ENGINEERING OR AN ENGINEERING-RELATED FIELD OF EDUCATION EITHER UNDERGRADUATE OR GRADUATE.

APPLICANTS WILL BE CONSIDERED WITHOUT REGARD TO RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, AND NATIONAL ORIGIN, RANK OF SPONSOR, SEX, AGE, OR FINANCIAL NEED.

Eligibility:

1. Applicant or his/her sponsor (father, mother, or legal guardian) must be a **CURRENT MEMBER** of the Northern Virginia Post or the applicant is a Student Member of the George Mason University or University of Virginia Student Chapter. Post/Student Chapter affiliation will be verified with SAME National Headquarters. Request for exemptions to the criteria must be submitted in writing to the Scholarship Committee and emailed with the completed application to the address below.
2. Applicants who have received **full** scholarships to college or are attending a service academy (i.e., USMA, USAF, USNA, USCGA, ROTC students) are ineligible to compete for these scholarships.
3. Family members of the Post Scholarship Committee are also ineligible.

Requirements:

1. Complete application to include signed acknowledgment (see APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS).
2. Official transcripts from high school and/or previously attended college and or vocational records/certificates of completed courses (originals or certified copies with a raised or embossed seal from a notary public).



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3. Two letters of recommendation from people who are not related to the student. Suggested sources for letters of recommendation: school faculty member, office supervisor, members of volunteer organizations, and clergy.
4. A 300-500 word typed essay addressing one of the following topics. (Note: Prior applicants cannot submit a paper on the same topic as chosen before. They must choose a new one). Essays will be judged on sincerity, writing ability, content, grammar and punctuation:
 - a. What do you believe is the biggest contribution made to national defense by the engineering, architecture or engineering-related community in the past 25 years and why is it the biggest?
 - b. How will technology change the engineering or architecture fields in the next decade – which technologies will be the most important?
 - c. What do you think is the most important lesson you have learned and how will it affect your decision regarding selecting a profession in engineering or architecture?
 - d. Why do you believe engineering or architecture is important to our Nation?
5. Sign and date the application, thereby acknowledging all statements to be true and factual and that you are fully aware of all the rules and requirements of said application.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Applications must be typed for legibility. A signature is required on the application so please type the application, print it, scan it and submit electronically.
2. Transcripts, completed essay, and references must be part of the electronic application – scan transcripts or other hard copy documents as necessary.
3. A passport photo (2" x2") .jpg or .tif file.
4. Applications must be submitted electronically.
5. Applications are judged on academic achievement, community service/school sponsored extracurricular activities, personal achievement, essay and recommendations.
6. Completed application and all attachments must be transmitted by email NO LATER THAN APRIL 30, 2010. The committee will not consider any incomplete application or those sent later than April 30, 2010.
7. Email the completed and signed application with all enclosures to:

tchristensen@dewberry.com

POC for any questions: Tom Christensen, PE, Chair, NOVA SAME Scholarship Fund Director. Email tchristensen@dewberry.com Phone (703) 849-0435



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Please mark the category for which you are applying:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATING SENIOR INTENDING TO PURSUE ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE OR AN ENGINEERING-RELATED DEGREE.

FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT PURSUING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE OR AN ENGINEERING-RELATED DEGREE.

FULL-TIME GRADUATE STUDENT PURSUING ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE OR AN ENGINEERING RELATED ADVANCED DEGREE.

SAME Member Number (if appropriate; otherwise parent's number): _____

APPLICANT'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SCHOOL PRESENTLY ATTENDING: _____

LAST SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITIES THAT YOU PARTICIPATED IN, INCLUDING DURATION AND ANY OFFICES HELD OR AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED: *[USE ADDITIONAL ATTACHED SHEETS IF NECESSARY]*

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDE COMMUNITY GROUPS/PROJECTS, ORGANIZATIONS, SOCIAL GROUPS, HOBBIES AND PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS. INCLUDE ANY OFFICES HELD OR AWARDS/HONORS RECEIVED:



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WORK EXPERIENCE, PAID OR VOLUNTARY:

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE YOUR EDUCATIONAL PLANS:

REMINDER: ALSO, ENCLOSE A 300 - 500 WORD ESSAY PER INSTRUCTIONS.

Privacy Act/Acknowledgment

I acknowledge reading the instructions pertaining to this application and fully understand the requirements stated therein. By signing, I am verifying that the information I have provided to the NOVA Post is accurate to the best of my knowledge and I freely consent to allow the Scholarship Council 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 possible award of a 2010 scholarship. Disclosure of all information is **voluntary**; however failure to provide requested information may result in the committee and its designated judges the inability to completely judge the submitted packet and determine eligibility for an award of a scholarship. All information is used solely for the purpose of judging the applicant for a Post Scholarship.*

Signature of Applicant

Date