

ASNE Scholarship Program

Supporting the education of future naval engineers



Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ's) And Instructions to Applicants

When can I submit my application?

You may submit your application in the fall when the scholarship window opens.

Does it make a difference which form I use?

Yes. You must use the current academic year's application form on the ASNE website.

When is the application due?

The application deadline is indicated on the application. This deadline represents when the complete application, including three letters of recommendations and official transcripts, are due.

What are the award amounts?

The scholarship award amounts are \$4,000 for undergraduate students and \$4,000 for graduate students.

When is the award dispensed?

50% of the award is dispensed in the fall; the remaining 50% is dispensed in the spring.

Can I apply for an ASNE Scholarship if I'm not a United States Citizen?

No. You must be a United States Citizen to be eligible for an ASNE Scholarship.

Can I apply for a scholarship if I am not an ASNE member?

- 1) Graduate candidates must be a member of ASNE to apply for a scholarship. Student membership applications can be submitted with the scholarship application.
- 2) Undergraduate candidates do not have to be a member of ASNE to apply.

Please note that student members of AIAA, ASME, IEEE, NSBE, SAME, SHPE, SNAME or SWE are automatically provided joint membership in ASNE.

What is the selection criteria?

The selection criteria are focused on the candidate's interest in and aptitude for naval engineering, as well as their academic record, work history, professional promise, ASNE or other professional society membership and participation, and extracurricular activities, as well as college faculty or employer recommendations and other character references. The scholarship program is merit-based; financial need is not a consideration.

What is Naval Engineering?

Naval Engineering includes related arts, sciences and use of technology in the design, systems integration, interoperability, construction, operation, maintenance, logistics support, inactivation and disposal of:

- Warfare systems including command and control, electronics, and ordnance systems,
- Aviation and space systems,
- Surface and sub-surface ships, marine craft, and maritime auxiliaries,
- Ocean structures and associated shore facilities that are used by the naval or other military forces and civilian maritime organizations for the defense and well-being of the nation.

Naval engineering combines traditional naval architecture and marine engineering with other engineering disciplines such as:

- C4ISR (Command, Control, Communications, Computers, Intelligence, Surveillance & Reconnaissance)
- Environmental Engineering
- Modeling and Simulation
- Total Systems Engineering (including the use of commercial components)
- Total Ownership Costs
- Information Technology

What are eligible programs of study?

- Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering
- Ocean Engineering
- Mechanical Engineering
- Structural Engineering
- Civil Engineering
- Environmental Engineering
- Aeronautical Engineering
- Electrical Engineering
- Electronic Engineering
- Systems Engineering
- Software Engineering
- Computer Science
- Engineering Technology
- Applied Mathematics and Physics
- Other relevant professions as accepted by the ASNE Scholarship Committee.

ASNE does award scholarships for MBA and doctoral programs. In addition to requirements for grad students, MBA students must have a bachelor's degree in one of the above listed programs of study.

Does my degree program have to be accredited?

Yes. All undergraduate applicants must be taking an accredited degree program. Graduate applicants must be in accredited programs or be in a program at an accredited college.

How do I know if my degree program is accredited?

Engineering studies applicants must be enrolled in [ABET \(Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology\)](https://www.abet.org/) accredited programs. Science studies applicants must be accredited by the appropriate agency or organization, e.g., MSCHE (Middle States Commission on Higher Education). Check with your dean or school registrar. Also check at <https://amspub.abet.org/aps/name-search?searchType=institution>. Please note it will be at the discretion of the ASNE Scholarship Committee to research and rule on whether the accreditation is acceptable, and we will communicate with you if there is any doubt.

Can I apply for a scholarship if I transfer from a 2-year college?

Yes. Undergraduate applicants for the Junior or Senior year can take their freshman and/or sophomore year credits from a community or 2-year college. The 4-year college to which the applicant is transferring must meet the degree accreditation requirements explained above. For an applicant applying for a scholarship in their junior year and is completing studies at the 2-year college, evidence of acceptance from the 4-year college must be provided.

What does it mean to be a “full time” student?

A student enrolled in a minimum of twelve (12) credit hours for an undergraduate degree or nine (9) credit hours for a graduate degree per semester qualifies as a full-time student.

If I received an ASNE undergraduate scholarship as a junior, can I apply again for my senior year?

Yes. You may apply for another undergraduate scholarship for your senior year, as a separate application. Your second application should be updated from your previous one, including with new or refreshed letters of recommendation.

If I received an ASNE undergraduate scholarship, can I apply for a graduate scholarship?

Yes. You may apply for a graduate scholarship as a separate application. Your graduate program application should be updated to reflect any changes, accomplishments, and activities since the undergraduate application was submitted including new or refreshed letters of reference Graduate scholarships are only available for one year of graduate education.

Do you accept applications for one semester only?

Yes, if the applicant expects to graduate in December of the application year. The scholarship award amounts for one semester only are \$2,000 for undergraduates and \$2,000 for graduate students.

Is there an application fee?

No.

Do you accept paper applications?

No. Submissions must be electronically submitted to scholarships@navalengineers.org.

Do applications have to be typed?

The application is designed to be a fillable pdf file for easy information entry. Completing the application by typing is strongly preferred but not required by the Committee. If printed and filled out by hand, it must still be submitted electronically as noted in the previous question as a pdf file.

How do I sign my electronic application?

Candidates who do not have the ability to sign the pdf form electronically can simply type their name into the signature block.

Are official transcripts required?

Yes. An “official” transcript from the current school, or most recent school attended in the case of transfer students or graduate students, is required. However, transcripts from any other institution listed in Section 4 of the application need not be official in order to reduce the cost to submit an application. Official transcripts must be received directly from the college/university or their approved transcript service.

Electronic format is preferred. The transcript(s) should cover all the semesters that the student has been at the school for which he/she is applying the scholarship. If a student recently transferred from another school and has not completed at least one full year at the new school, the transcript from the previous school should be submitted. Graduate students who have not completed a full year at their graduate school should include their undergraduate transcript.

Are letters of recommendation required?

Yes. Three letters of recommendations are required. They must be on college/university or business letterhead and include the writer’s contact information. They must be dated, and the date shall be within one year of the deadline for submitting the application. Letters of recommendation may be submitted electronically with the application to scholarships@navalengineers.org, or the original letters may be delivered directly to ASNE (Attn: Scholarships, 1423 Powhatan Street, Suite 1, Alexandria, VA 22314) by the postal service or a courier service depending on the preference of the originator. If a reference promised to submit their letter of recommendation directly to ASNE, applicants should confirm prior to the application deadline date that the letter was, in fact, submitted.