

Scholarship Program

I. PURPOSE

One of the purposes of the Chicago Section as stated in the By-Laws is to foster engineering education. The scholarship program is one way this is accomplished.

II. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for a scholarship is limited to persons who are:

1. High school seniors who demonstrate their interest in the STEM and/or chemical engineering practice and discipline(s).
2. Undergraduate students beginning or currently engaged in a course of study leading to a first degree in an ABET (or equivalent) accredited chemical engineering program; and,
3. The recipient of no more than (3) AIChE Chicago Section scholarship awards prior to this year's application.

III. THE AWARD

1. Each award shall be \$500 for those who are enrolled or planning to enroll in a course of study leading to a four (4) year Chemical Engineering program
2. The maximum number of awards to be made in any AIChE Fiscal Year (FY) shall be set by the AIChE Chicago Section Board Of Directors (BOD) not later than March 31 of each FY.
3. The Selection Committee shall advise the BOD of their recommendations and the BOD shall have the authority to approve all or reduce the number of awards.

IV. APPLICATION

1. Application for the scholarship must be made using the application form and in the manner prescribed by the Selection Committee.
2. Each application packet is required to include a personal statement requesting the scholarship award as well as academic and/or personal reference(s).
3. Applications must be received by the AIChE Chicago Section not later than March 15th.

V. SELECTION

1. The AIChE Chicago Section Scholarship award is intended to be competitive.
2. Evaluation of applicants will be based on the information provided in the application materials.
3. Applicants will, following evaluation by the selection committee, be ranked according to committee preference for making any award(s).

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4. Applicants will be selected based on a combination of factors including, but not limited to, the following
 - a. Connection and/or volunteer involvement with the AIChE Chicago Local Section (including the AIChE Midwest Regional Conference)
 - b. Volunteer involvement with an AIChE Student Chapter and/or AIChE Global
 - c. Stated interest in STEM and/or chemical engineering professions
 - d. GPA
 - e. Academic and/or personal reference(s)

VI. NOTIFICATION

Notice of any award, or decline to award, will be sent by USPS first class mail or electronic mail to all applicants no later than May 31.

VII. ADMINISTRATION

1. Each year there shall be a Selection Committee of five members established and maintained for the purpose of evaluating applicants and determining awards to be made.
 - A. The AIChE Chicago Section Chair shall be a member, and shall appoint the Selection Committee, and preside over the Selection Committee meeting. The AIChE Chicago Section Chair can also delegate Selection Committee appointment and presiding over the Selection Committee to another AIChE Chicago board member (e.g. Awards Committee member).
 - B. The Immediate Past-chair shall be a member, and serve as the Secretary of the Selection Committee.

VIII. RULES

1. The AIChE Chicago Section Secretary and/or the Selection Committee will verify the eligibility of each applicant.
2. All scholarship awards, including renewals, will be made competitively, based on the information provided in the application.
3. In the event an award is declined, the Selection Committee may, at its option, make an award to the applicant having the next highest evaluation.
4. The awards made shall be presented or mailed to the recipient before June 30..
5. All recipients and alternates are subject to these same rules.
6. The AIChE Chicago Section Scholarship is to be independent of any and all other awards, scholarships, and/or grants-in-aid accruing to the benefit of the student.
7. If two or more candidates are found to be equally qualified for an award the final decision will be based upon financial need.

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8. In making any award the committee shall not discriminate against any individual on the basis of any legally protected status under the applicable laws of the United States of America.