Society of SAME American Military Engineers Sacramento Post

THE SOCIETY OF AMERICAN MILITARY ENGINEERS
2027 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The Sacramento Post of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME) awards scholarships annually to high school seniors and college students who are pursuing an engineering or related technical degree. SAME is a non-profit association linking military and civilian engineers, architects, and engineering-related professionals. SAME's membership totals more than 20,000 civilians, members of the armed forces, and engineering students.

AWARDS

The following scholarships are targeted in 2027 for each school category listed below:

- Up to five scholarships of $1,500 to $4,000 to college students pursuing an engineering or related technical degree; and
- Up to three scholarships of $1,500 to $2,500 to community college students, including those working toward an AA degree, and pursuing an engineering or related technical degree; and
- Up to ten scholarships of $2,000 to $4,000 to high school seniors interested in pursuing an engineering or related technical degree.

The SAME-Sacramento Post Scholarship Committee also retains the option to select additional scholarship awards for each category based on the number and quality of applications received.

From 2008 through 2026, our Post awarded 473 scholarships totaling $691,500.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible for an award, the scholarship applicant must be:

- A U.S. citizen;
- A graduating high school senior, or a full-time undergraduate student at an accredited university or community college
- From or currently located in the Sacramento area (see details below)
- Pursuing, or intending to pursue, a degree in any engineering field or related technical degree, including architecture, mathematics, physics, or environmental sciences. Please note that degrees in computer/software engineering, pre-med, chemistry, biology, microbiology, and related natural sciences do not qualify for the scholarship award.
- An active member of SAME. Student memberships are free and available at:
  https://www.same.org/membership-communities/join/student-membership/

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

1. **GPA:** Report your overall GPA on the application form, and attach an unofficial transcript of your grades through the current school term. Reported GPA for college students must include all colleges attended.

2. **Narrative and Letters of Reference:** The narrative to be prepared by the scholarship applicant is a vital component of the SAME scholarship application and must address the following topics in the order listed below:
   - Statement of why the applicant should be considered for the award;
   - Academic/professional goals and academic performance;

- Extracurricular, community service, and volunteer activities; please only discuss those activities for which you provided leadership and/or resulted in significant accomplishments;
- Summary of relevant military or related experience (see below), if any; and
- Any other comments or justification to assist in the selection process (e.g., school or community involvement or awards, special circumstances such as hardship and overcoming adversity).

The narrative may include photographs, graphics, or other artwork; but it should be no more than two (2) pages in total length. This page limit does not include the reference letters for which there is no page limit.

Be sure to include two current letters of reference from sources who can attest to your character, work ethic, academic accomplishments, activity achievements, or anything else to support your application. Only one letter may be from a teacher or counselor; the other must be from an individual in a non-academic institution. Reference letters are encouraged to be on letterhead and must be signed and dated by the author.

3. **Home or School in Sacramento Area:** Points for this category are assigned on an all-or-nothing basis. Applicants meet this criterion if any one of the following apply: 1) the student's home is in the Sacramento Area (even if attending a remote school and mostly living outside the area); 2) the student graduated from high school in the Sacramento Area (and could now make their home elsewhere); or 3) the student attends a school within the Sacramento Area. The Sacramento Area is defined as Sacramento County and adjoining counties only, which consists of the following counties: Alpine, Amador, El Dorado, Placer, Sutter, Yolo, Solano, and San Joaquin.

4. **Extracurricular Activities / Community Service:** The applicant must complete the special log form provided to document these activities completed in the last two (2) years only; limit response to one (1) page.

5. **Relevant Military or Related Experience:** Active military service, previous military service, active ROTC/JROTC or California Cadet Corps participation, active SAME post, SAME student post, or SAME student camp participation, active Civil Air Patrol participation, or related military activities, including applicant's parent(s) in current military service, should be documented in the narrative.

SELECTION PROCESS

Selection of the scholarship recipients will be based on the submittal of complete and timely applications as well as the evaluation criteria listed below, with the following weighting:

EVALUATION CRITERIA	EVALUATION CRITERIA DESCRIPTION	CRITERIA WEIGHTING
1	GPA	30 points
2	Narrative and Letters of Reference	30 points
3	Home or School in the Sacramento Area	10 points
4	Extracurricular Activities / Community Service	25 points
5	Relevant Military or Related Experience	5 points
	TOTAL POSSIBLE SCORE	**100 points**

SCHOOL CONTACT

As part of the Scholarship Application Form, the applicant must provide the name and phone number of a school counselor, academic advisor, or administrator in order to verify enrollment in that institution and GPA.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Scholarship applicants must create a **SINGLE** electronic file in **Adobe Portable Document Format (.pdf)** consisting of these items in the **following order**: 1) Completed and signed SAME Scholarship Application form; 2) Completed Extracurricular Activity and Community Service Log; 3) Typed narrative; 4) Two (2) current letters of reference; 5) Current, unofficial transcript; and 6) Confirmation of Student Membership from www.SAME.org. The required forms are attached to these instructions in fillable format. Follow all page limitations and content guidance as provided in these instructions. Complete electronic submission packets are due by **5:00 pm (PST) on January 8, 2027** and must be emailed to:

SAME Scholarship Committee
same.sac.scholarship@gmail.com

AWARD CEREMONY

Scholarship checks will be presented during the 2027 SAME Scholarship Awards Dinner in March 2027. The ceremony will be held in the evening. Further information will be provided closer to the date of the ceremony to the awardees. Attendance at the ceremony is not required for the award.

QUESTIONS

Additional information on SAME can be found at www.same.org and about the Sacramento Post on www.samesacramento.org. Questions, comments, or requests for information on the SAME scholarship program or the application process and requirements should be directed to:

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Society of American Military Engineers
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APPLICATIONS ARE DUE JANUARY 8, 2027

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Student Membership

High School Student or
Undergraduate College Student (full-time)

Membership in the Society of American Military Engineers is open to persons and organizations with an interest in military engineering and a desire to increase the engineering potential of the United States for national security and to further the objectives of SAME.

Complete Membership Application via:
https://www.same.org/membership-communities/join/student-membership/



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MISSION

To promote and facilitate engineering support for national security by developing and enhancing relationships and competencies among uniformed services, public and private sector engineers, and related professionals, and by developing future engineers through outreach and mentoring.

VISION

To be a premier global engineering organization leading the professional and personal growth of all members in support of military readiness and the development of solutions to national security challenges.

VALUES

- **Integrity.** Unwavering commitment to always do what is right, regardless of consequences.
- **Patriotism.** Support our national ideals and take pride in our country.
- **Public Service.** Recognize the critical contribution that public servants play in supporting the economic and environmental needs of the nation.
- **National Security.** Recognize the dedication of our national Security team, comprised of uniformed services, civil service, and contractors, in defending freedom.
- **Technical Competence.** Deliver high-quality solutions.
- **Excellence.** Strive for the highest standards of performance in all actions, both personal and professional.
- **Environmental Stewardship.** Preserve, protect, conserve, and restore our national resources through sustainable development.

JOIN SAME TODAY

SAME Individual Memberships offer professionals in the A/E/C field the opportunity to develop important business contacts through national and regional events and build those relationships further through our worldwide network of Posts. As a SAME Member, you can:

- Stay on top of developments in the A/E/C field through our industry-leading publication, The Military Engineer magazine;
- Learn important information from the field about everything from contracting and design to environment and emerging technologies through our Continuing Education Program; and
- Continue your professional education at our many special events, among them the annual DOD and Related Federal Program Briefings, and the Joint Engineer Education and Training Conference & Expo.

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2027 SAME SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

STUDENT NAME: _____

STUDENT ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: _____ **EMAIL:** _____

CURRENT SCHOOL (*Check One*) ☐ **HIGH SCHOOL** ☐ **COMMUNITY COLLEGE** ☐ **COLLEGE**

SCHOOL NAME: _____

SCHOOL ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

SCHOOL CONTACT (*Check One*) ☐ **COUNSELOR** ☐ **ACADEMIC ADVISOR** ☐ **ADMINISTRATOR**

SCHOOL CONTACT NAME: _____ **PHONE:** _____

CURRENT OVERALL GPA: _____ **EXPECTED GRADUATION YEAR:** _____

ACTUAL OR INTENDED DEGREE PROGRAM: _____

I certify that, if awarded, I will use any money received under this scholarship only for expenses related to my college education. All information contained in this application is true to the best of my knowledge.

APPLICANT SIGNATURE: **DATE:**

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EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITY AND COMMUNITY SERVICE LOG (2025 TO PRESENT ONLY)

EA/CS (Check One)	NAME OF ORGANIZATION AND DESCRIPTION OF ACTIVITY	ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS HELD	START: Month/Year END: Month/Year	APPROX HOURS PER MONTH
EA ☐			Start:	
CS ☐			End:	
EA ☐			Start:	
CS ☐			End:	
EA ☐			Start:	
CS ☐			End:	
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EA = Extracurricular Activity: Any activity engaged in by the student that demonstrates breadth of interest, ability, skills, and personal development in both academic and non-academic areas.

CS = Community Service: Any volunteer activity engaged in by the student which provides service or beneficial support to an individual, school, church, disadvantaged group, or local or remote community