



Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation 2008 Scholarship Fund Information

Our Mission

The mission of the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation is to provide educational opportunities to women in engineering and technical sciences that enhance personal, professional, and academic development. These scholarships are intended to support this mission.

General Information

Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation scholarships are in varying United States dollar amounts and they need not be repaid to the scholarship funds. All scholarships are announced in the spring and summer for use during the following academic year. The scholarship will be made payable to the school of the recipient, upon proof of registration.

The application form may be obtained from the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation (hereinafter referred to as "Foundation"). Requests for an application form from the Foundation must either be made via email at scholarships@aoefoundation.com or include a self-addressed stamped envelope.

Because of the expected volume of applications received and limited volunteer resources, incomplete applications and applications received after the submission deadlines, will not be considered nor will the applicants be notified if their application is incomplete or late. The arrival or the receipt of an application to the Foundation will not be acknowledged. Only those applicants who include a self-addressed stamped envelope with the application will be notified if they are not selected as a scholarship recipient. Lack of notification by August 1 will signify the applicant was not one of the scholarship recipients.

If not selected one year, a student may apply again for the next year's judging, but each applicant is eligible to receive only one Foundation scholarship in her lifetime. This is necessary in order to give as many opportunities as possible to other individuals.

Prior to receiving a Foundation scholarship, each recipient must sign the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation Scholarship Recipient Agreement, which describes the guidelines the recipient must uphold. Refer to the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation Scholarship Recipient Policy.

Scholarships are tax-exempt only to the extent they are used for tuition, fees, books, course materials, course supplies, and other items directly connected to education according to United States tax laws. If the scholarship monies are used for anything other than the above-listed items, the amount must be reported as income to the recipient. (For example, any amounts used for room, board, and personal expenses would be taxable).

Due to limited volunteer and financial resources and the high volume of scholarship application submissions to process, the Alpha Omega Epsilon Foundation must restrict the acceptance of the number of scholarship applications. The maximum number of eligible scholarship applications that the Foundation will accept for the Rings of Excellence Scholarship is 250 and the maximum number for the Engineering and Technical Science Achievement Scholarship is 250. Should the maximum number of applications be exceeded, applications will be accepted in the order of postmarked date and then via descending GPA until the maximum number of applications is reached.

Please note that the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation has chosen to use feminine pronouns throughout the Scholarship Fund information; however, all items apply equally to both genders (except where noted).

Recipient Selection

Standards for selection include, but are not limited to:

- Field Choice and Promotion of Engineering and Technical Sciences
- Character, Conduct, and Integrity
- Academic Achievement and Scholastic Aptitude



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- Community Involvement and Extracurricular Activities

The final selection of scholarship recipients will be made by a special judging panel of persons consisting of representatives from the field of education and/or engineering and science professions who have been selected by the members of the Board of Directors of Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation.

Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation Scholarships

The number of scholarships granted and the requirements for each scholarship may vary from year to year. Completed applications, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked no later than January 31. Recipients will be notified prior to August 1.

Rings of Excellence Scholarship Criteria

Any applicant for the Rings of Excellence Scholarship must be a member (active or alumnae) in good standing in Alpha Omega Epsilon Sorority, or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing. Husbands, brothers, sisters, nieces, or nephews are not eligible to apply. The daughters and sons of deceased members, who were a member in good standing at the time of death, are eligible. Applicants must be an undergraduate and majoring in an engineering or technical science. Applicants must have an overall grade point average of 2.0/4.0 or equivalent.

The following scholarships are being awarded in the year 2008 using the Rings of Excellence Scholarship Criteria:

One \$1000 (USD) Rings of Excellence sponsored by the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation.

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Engineering and Technical Science Achievement Scholarship Criteria

Applicants for the Engineering and Technical Science Achievement Scholarship, the Herbert John Lathrop Engineering Scholarship, the Michelle Pearson Scholarship, the Walters Family Honorary Scholarship, the Vondenkamp Family Scholarship, and/or the Adams-Celebi Engineering & Sciences Scholarship must be a woman undergraduate majoring in an engineering or technical science. Applicants must have an overall grade point average of 3.0/4.0 or equivalent.

The following scholarships are being awarded in the year 2008 using the Engineering and Technical Science Achievement Scholarship Criteria:

Two \$1,000 (USD) Engineering and Technical Science Achievement Scholarships sponsored by the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation.

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One \$2,000 (USD) Maxine Shelly Turner Memorial Scholarship. Maxine Shelly Turner was a senior in Chemical Engineering just three weeks from graduating Magna Cum Laude in honors at Virginia Tech, when her life was abruptly cut short while sitting in German class. Maxine, or Max to her friends and family, was a founding member of the Alpha Omega Epsilon Rho Chapter at Virginia Tech, and served as Community Outreach Officer and Professional Life Officer. Her goal was to provide a support group for women in engineering that would involve both professionalism and community service, in addition to the social aspect of the sorority. In keeping with her ideals and achievements, Maxine's family and friends requested the establishment of this scholarship to assist other young women with similar goals and aspirations.



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One \$1,000 (USD) Michelle Pearson Scholarship sponsored by Michelle Pearson. Michelle has actively supported the Foundation through the local United Way chapter.

One \$500 (USD) Adams-Celebi Engineering & Sciences Scholarship sponsored by Kaan and Cheryl Celebi. Kaan and Cheryl have established this scholarship in order to support women with their future careers in technical fields.

One \$500 (USD) Herbert John Lathrop Engineering Scholarship sponsored by Lou Ann Lathrop. Herbert Lathrop was a mechanical engineer who graduated from the University of Minnesota in the V12 program of the Navy during WWII. He worked for Bucyrus-Erie, a mining equipment company, which enabled him to go on trips all over the world including China, which at the time was unthinkable. In the words of Hebert Hoover on engineering, "It is a great profession. There is the fascination of watching a figment of the imagination emerge through the aid of science to a plan on paper. Then it moves to realization in stone or metal or energy. Then it brings jobs and homes to men. Then it elevates the standards of living and adds to the comforts of life. That is the engineer's high privilege." This scholarship is dedicated to Lou Ann's father, who died on Saint Patrick's Day, the patron saint of engineers.

One \$500 (USD) Vondenkamp Family Scholarship sponsored by Jim and Michelle Vondenkamp. Michelle and Jim Vondenkamp have established this scholarship as a recognition of the importance of education as self-empowering tool. This scholarship serves as a means to foster educational goals for college age women. Through education, you can better your life and the lives of others in your community.

One \$500 (USD) Walters Family Honorary Scholarship sponsored by Mary Anne Moore (Gamma 42, IEB President 2001-2004). This scholarship was established to recognize her family's love and support in achieving her educational goals and in general, the importance of a family's support in realizing any goal. Families provide invaluable support to students while seeking engineering or technical science degrees which are demanding disciplines. Although Mary Anne earned her way through school with scholarships, her family assisted her by providing room and board for two years, home cooked meals, a referral for a part-time job that she held for five years, babysitting jobs to earn extra money, and lots of love and support. A family's assistance may be financial, emotional, or a combination of both, but the strength from family is important to achieving any goal.

Applicant Eligibility

As a minimum:

- The applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment, in an undergraduate or graduate engineering or technical science degree program as approved by Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation. Social science degree programs are excluded.
- The applicant must be enrolled in, or accepted for enrollment, in a college or university with an ABET accredited program or in a school that has been approved by the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation.
- The applicant must be entering their sophomore through senior year of undergraduate college for the academic year subsequent to the summer the scholarship is awarded.
- The applicant must be in a position to accept and must hold full-time student status for the period the scholarship is awarded.
- The applicant must not be receiving full funding for education from another organization (e.g., members of the Armed Services attending military academies, students receiving full tuition reimbursement from an employer).
- The applicant must not have been the recipient of an Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation scholarship.

Additional specific requirements for the various scholarships are described in the following sections.

Submitting the Application

General Instructions

- All application materials must be completed legibly in ENGLISH.



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- All applicants must attend a school in the United States unless you are a member (active or alumnae) in good standing in Alpha Omega Epsilon Sorority, or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing and attend a school outside of the United States.
- No application materials will be returned; no exceptions will be made.
- All required application materials must be submitted in one envelope or package as outlined below. Any materials (with the exception of transcripts) mailed separately from the application will not be considered.
 - Reference letters may NOT be mailed separately from the application packet.
 - Official transcripts may be separately submitted by the high school, college, or university directly to the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation at the address on the end of this application information. Transcripts mailed separately to the Foundation that are postmarked later than January 31 will not be considered.
 - Do NOT staple any portion of your application.
 - Do NOT submit a photograph of yourself with the application.
 - Incomplete applications will be immediately disqualified from judging with no further follow-up.
- Applications postmarked later than January 31 of each year are immediately disqualified from judging with no further follow-up.
- Applications submitted with insufficient postage or those that require an in person signature for delivery will NOT be accepted with no further follow-up.
- Recipients will be notified prior to August 1.
- Non-recipients will only be notified if a self-addressed stamped envelope is included within the application package. If an applicant has not been notified by August 1, this signifies that the applicant was not one of the scholarship recipients.
- Faxed or emailed copies of applications and accompanying documents cannot be accepted for judging. All applications must be mailed to the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation at the address listed on the application.

Application Materials

The following specific items must be completed and submitted in the application envelope/package:

- Official Application Form
- Statement Community Involvement and Extracurricular Activities
On a separate 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper, list (not an essay) your college and community activities including any special interests, hobbies, sport or musical accomplishments. High school activities may be included if you are a freshman or sophomore. Identify the years in which you have participated and any leadership positions you have held. List societies and organizations to which you belong and any offices you have held. List any honors or awards you have received, academic or otherwise.
- Statement of Professional Experience
On a separate 8.5 X 11 sheet of paper, provide a brief resume of any work experience, including your responsibilities, starting and terminating dates, and other pertinent information. Briefly describe any research projects, design projects, or design teams in which you have participated.
- Copy of official transcripts
Provide official copies of all transcripts showing grades for the entire enrollment in all schools attended, both college(s) and high school(s) as described below. Transcripts may be submitted directly from the high school, college, or university to the Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation at the address stated at the end of this application information. Please submit the most current transcript that you can obtain. Applicants submitting applications prior to end of December 31, 2008, must submit a transcript from the Fall or Winter Term 2008.
 - Applicants entering their second year at the college/university must provide official copies of transcripts from all previous high schools and colleges, if applicable.
 - Applicants entering their third or more years at the college/university must provide official copies of transcripts from all previous colleges/universities.
- Letter of recommendation from an academic professional



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Applicants must submit ONE letter of recommendation, from a member of the faculty (professor, advisor, department head, dean, teacher, or school counselor); preferably typewritten on 8.5 X 11 paper. This recommendation is very important part of the application and should be given the utmost consideration by the applicant.

- Applicant's Statement
Applicants must submit an autobiographical statement or essay composed by the applicant, of 500 words or less, typewritten on 8.5 X 11 paper, outlining her goals of study, what influenced her to pursue an engineering or technical science discipline, and/or how she believes she will promote women in engineering and technical science fields. This statement is a very important part of the application and should be given the utmost consideration by the applicant.
- The Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation Scholarship Fund Information certification, signed by the applicant (bottom of official application form).

To be accepted for judging, an applicant must assemble (DO NOT STAPLE) all required items listed below into ONE envelope or package postmarked between November 1, 2007, and January 31, 2008. Mail to:

Alpha Omega Epsilon National Foundation
Attn: Scholarship Fund
4212 SE 76th Ave.
Portland, OR 97206

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Does my major qualify under "technical science"?

A: The Foundation considers a technical science to be a discipline that is similar to an engineering discipline. The curriculum for a technical science degree would have an overlap with an engineering degree. The degree must be a bachelor's of science and must be received at a college or university with an accredited program.

- Degrees that qualify - Any college or university degree that is accredited by ABET, such as Computer Science or Math. Refer to their website at <http://www.abet.org> for further information.
- Degrees that are **excluded** from applying –
Medical sciences (i.e. nursing, medicine, physical therapy, sports management)
Veterinary or animal sciences, Life Sciences, Social Sciences (i.e. psychology)
- If you are unsure if your major would qualify and you would like the Foundation to recognize the program at your school, please follow the process below.
 1. Send a request to the Foundation by mail to the address listed above or electronically to degreerequest@aoefoundation.com including the following information: the discipline you are requesting to be approved, a copy of the undergraduate curriculum for that field of study with course descriptions, the college/university offering the program, the accrediting board of that program, the contact name of the Dean responsible for that discipline, and your contact information. A Degree Recognition Form can be found on the our website at www.aoefoundation.com
 2. For requests postmarked or received electronically between October 1st and December 15th 11:59 pm ET, the Foundation will notify you by January 15th recognizing said degree as a technical science. Requests received after December 15th deadline will not be answered until after the scholarship deadline.

Q: Can high school students, high school students who have been accepted into engineering or technical science programs, or graduate students apply for the scholarships?

A: **NO.** At the present time, the Foundation has a limited number of resources and donations and therefore must limit the number of applicants to undergraduate students only. It is our goal in the future to add scholarships for both high school and graduate students.

Q: I am an international student can I qualify for the scholarship?

A: **YES.** International students are eligible if they are attending an ABET accredited school and program and also meet the other scholarship requirements.



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Q: Does it matter what school I attend?

A: **YES.** The school must be located in the United States, unless you are a member (active or alumnae) in good standing in Alpha Omega Epsilon Sorority, or the child or grandchild of a member in good standing attending a school outside of the U.S., and the major must be accredited by ABET or by another recognized accrediting agency in order to qualify. Please refer to the ABET website at www.abet.org for further information.

Q: I'm currently a senior in college and graduating this year can I still apply?

A: **YES.** If you are graduating in December then you are eligible. If you are graduating in the spring or summer then you are NOT eligible. The scholarships are applied directly to the college or university for the upcoming fall school term.

Q: The letter of recommendation must be from an "academic professional" what does that mean?

A: A person who is affiliated with your school and who is knowledgeable of your academic, philanthropic, or professional activities may write the letter. If you are a freshman then it is possible for a high school teacher to write the letter, due to the limited exposure to your collegiate professors.

If you have further questions refer to the AOE website at www.aoeffoundation.com or email the Foundation at scholarships@aoeffoundation.com.

