



SWE-OC Graduate Student Scholarship

The Society of Women Engineers Orange County Section (SWE-OC) was organized in 1983 and chartered in 1985. SWE-OC is a volunteer, nonprofit, educational, service organization whose members support the advancement of women in engineering. Through the generous support of businesses and individuals, scholarships are awarded to women pursuing undergraduate studies in the field of engineering and computer science.

SWE-OC will award one Graduate Scholarship in the amount of **\$800**.

The minimum criteria for selection are as follows:

- Must be a member of SWE
- Must have at least one full academic year left before graduation
- Enrolled at an accredited college or university in the Orange County area of Southern California (including Biola University, California Baptist University, CSU Fullerton, CSU Long Beach, Chapman University, Long Beach City College, UC Irvine, and UC Riverside). If you are entering a graduate program, you may apply, however, proof will be required before fund disbursement.
- GPA of 3.3 or higher
- Currently pursuing a graduate degree in engineering, engineering technology, or computer science

Evaluation will be based on academic performance, work experience, community involvement, letter of recommendation, and evidence of leadership, motivation, character, and plans to pursue a career in engineering. Active members of SWE will be prioritized in the selection process. The recipients of each scholarship will be announced & celebrated at the SWE-OC Professional Development Conference held in May.

The online application must be submitted and all documentation emailed by no later than **Friday, March 20th, 2026**.

Application:

The online application can be accessed via the SWE-OC Scholarship Page

<https://swe-oc.swe.org/outreach/scholarships/>

Supplemental Documentation:

The application requires the following:

- Personal Statement
- Personal Biography
- Letter of Recommendation
- Official/Unofficial Transcript
- Resume/CV

! For more details on requirements & submission process, please review the next page.

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! DETAILS & REQUIREMENTS !

Application:

The application contains 4 sections:

1. Scholarship Information
2. Personal Information
3. Educational Background & Personal Statement
4. Supplemental Documentation & Sign-off

Supplemental Documentation:

Please email a zip folder containing all supplemental files to SWE-OC Scholarship Committee, scholarship@swe-oc.org. Acceptable formats: **DOC, DOCX, PDF**

All documents must be titled with the following format: ApplicantLastName_FirstName_DocumentName

The application **requires** the following:

- Personal Statement (300 words max) - Describe what impact you hope to make in your chosen field or industry, and how this scholarship will help you achieve that goal? Include your interests, experiences, & future goals in engineering, engineering technology, or computer science.
- Personal Biography (100 words max) - This will be publicly shared **ONLY** if selected as a recipient
- Letter of Recommendation
- Official or Unofficial Transcript
- Resume or CV (1-2 pages max)
 - Please highlight your employment history, community service, extracurricular activities, and any other pertinent information such as awards/recognitions, volunteering with SWE-OC, leadership roles carried, etc.
 - The following information is needed in each section; however, it can be presented in any format:

Employment History:

- Company Name & Your Role
- Describe your duties & responsibilities
- Average hours/week, start & end dates (Month, Year)
- Indicate if this employment is: 1) Year Round (i.e. work weekly), 2) Seasonal (summer/breaks) 3) Occasional (One-offs / <1 month)
- **NOTE:** Summer Internships and Research Opportunities count toward this section

Community Service & Extracurricular Activities

- Organization/Service Name & Your Role
- Describe your duties & responsibilities
- Average hours/week, start & end dates (Month, Year)