Society of American Military Engineers
Hampton Roads Post

2026 HIGH SCHOOL STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

Eligibility:

- Geography:
  - Enrolled in a public or private high school (or home-schooled) in the Hampton Roads Post geographic footprint (Southeast Virginia)
- College/university enrollment:
  - Enrolled in a full-time undergraduate STEM-related degree program at an accredited college or university in the Fall term of 2026. Applicants that will be enrolled at a community college or two-year college in the Fall term of 2026 **are not eligible**.
  - Applicants who receive an appointment to a U.S. military academy (or affiliated preparatory school) or who are awarded a full scholarship at their college/university **are not eligible** to receive a scholarship from SAME Hampton Roads Post. A full scholarship is usually defined as one that provides for total payment of tuition, room and board, books, and lab fees. If an applicant becomes aware of such ineligibility after submitting the application, it is expected that the applicant will notify the point of contact identified below and withdraw the application.
- Grade point average (GPA):
  - Minimum GPA of 3.0 (on a 4.0 basis).
- SAME student membership
  - Applicants are not required to be SAME members; however, preference will be given to student members.
  - Student membership is free and attainable. Information can be found at https://www.same.org/membership-communities/join/student-membership/.

How to apply:

- Complete the enclosed application and provide the identified supporting information.
  - Previous versions of this application will not be accepted. Scoring criteria are included as Attachment A.
  - If additional pages are needed, note this in the associated section(s) of the application form and clearly identify the content on the additional page(s) to correspond to the specific item from the application.
- **The completed application packages, including application form, essay, transcripts, and letter of recommendation, must be received no later than 03 April 2026.**
  - Send a legible/electronic copy of the completed application package to samehr.scholarship@gmail.com.
  - Provide the application package (other than the letter of recommendation) as a single submittal to include all required components.
  - **All letters of recommendation must be sent directly to samehr.scholarship@gmail.com by the author of the letter and not from the applicant.** It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the letter is submitted by the author before the deadline. See the application form for additional instructions.

1. Applicant name _____

2. Permanent mailing address (**including city, state, and zip code**)
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3. Telephone number (**including area code**) _____

4. Preferred e-mail address _____

5. Name and location of high school/homeschool program from which applicant will be graduating

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6. PLANNED COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY
   Indicate all colleges/universities to which you have applied as well as the anticipated major at each school. **If you have already accepted admission to a college/university for the Fall term of 2026, only provide that school and major.**

College/University	Anticipated major

7. WORK EXPERIENCE
   List employment or internships you have held during high school (paid and unpaid, including during academic breaks).

Employer	Dates of employment/activity	Role	Hours/week

8. EXTRACURRICULAR AND VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES
   List school, community, and volunteer activities (other than paid/unpaid employment/internships) that you have participated in during high school. **Only include those activities in which you held leadership positions or made significant contributions.**

Organization	Dates of activity	Role	Hours/week and number of years participation

9. HONORS/AWARDS/CERTIFICATES
   List any special honors, awards, or certificates you have received during high school. Include those received through the school or through other organizations.

10. ESSAY
    Provide a concise response (between 300 and 500 words) to the following prompt:

    What are your goals as a working professional in the STEM community and how do you hope these goals will impact your community and our nation?

11. TRANSCRIPTS
    Include a copy of transcripts that includes all high school coursework (at any school) through the Fall term 2025. Copies of unofficial transcripts are acceptable provided the unofficial copy identifies the school where the courses were completed, the courses taken, the grades earned for each course, the cumulative GPA, and SAT/ACT scores with dates taken (if taken).

12. LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION
    - Must be authored by a SAME Post or National member **or** by a guidance counselor or high school teacher of a STEM-related course that has directly advised/instructed the applicant.
      - **This letter may not be written by a family member, including members related by marriage or other family-like relationship.**
    - Must address the merit/achievements of the applicant and the potential for success of the applicant in the chosen STEM field
    - Must be addressed to the SAME Hampton Roads Post Scholarship Committee and must be signed (either original or certified digital) and dated by the author. If written by a SAME Post or National member, the member number and Post affiliation must be included with the signature.
    - Must be submitted to samehr.scholarship@gmail.com no later than 03 April 2026. The email submittal must have the applicant's name in the subject line.

13. PARENT/GUARDIAN CERTIFICATION

I, _____, the parent/guardian of the applicant, do hereby certify that the applicant will be enrolled full-time in an accredited STEM curriculum in the Fall term of 2026. I also hereby certify that, if chosen as a SAME Hampton Roads Post Scholarship recipient, the applicant will utilize the funds received to pay for a portion of the college/university expenses during the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

Date_____ _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian (original or certified digital)

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SAME Member Number and Post Affiliation (if applicable)

14. APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

I, _____, do hereby certify that the information provided herein is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge and belief. I certify that I have not used artificial intelligence in the preparation of any part of this application, including the essay. I also hereby certify that if chosen as a recipient of the SAME Hampton Roads Post Scholarship, I will utilize the funds received to pay for a portion of my college/university expenses during the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

Date_____ _____

Signature of Applicant (original or certified digital)

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Student Member Number/Post Affiliation (if applicable)

Attachment A

HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

POINT VALUE	ITEM	SCORING CONSIDERATION
10	N/A	Overall presentation of application (neatness, organization)
0	1-6	Information only
10	7	Work experiences indicate initiative and resourcefulness; preference to STEM experience
10	8	Activities indicate a well-rounded person
10	9	Honors indicate exceptional performance
20	10	Essay demonstrates ability to communicate and provides information about the applicant's - Originality (10 points) - Content (10 points) - Appearance, grammar, spelling, length (5 points)
20	11	Transcript - grades, GPA, and other academic records demonstrates academic rigor and success
10	12	Letter of recommendation addresses established criteria in support of applicant
5	13	Certification completed; preference to Hampton Road Post or supported Student Chapter affiliation
5	14	Certification completed; preference to Hampton Road Post or supported Student Chapter affiliation
100		TOTAL