

# ASM Central Illinois Scholarships

The intent of the ASM scholarship application form is to recognize and financially assist talented and dedicated students interested in a career in Metallurgy and/or Materials. It was established to encourage qualified students to take an active role in promoting the field of materials through active participation in ASM. Completion of this form confirms your eligibility for the Julia Bjerke, Richard Van Pelt, Gerald Hoeffft, and other possible ASM scholarships.

## About the Scholarships

### ASM General Scholarship (\$1,000-\$4,000)

The *ASM General Scholarship* is for driven students who look to make an impact in the world of Materials Science & Engineering and to encourage active participation in ASM.

### Julia Bjerke Memorial Scholarship (\$2,000)

The intent of the *Julia Bjerke Memorial Scholarship* is to encourage central Illinois high school students to pursue a career in metallurgical or materials engineering. It is awarded in remembrance of Julia Bjerke, a metallurgical engineer at Caterpillar who was introduced to materials science by her local high school chemistry teacher.

### Richard Van Pelt Scholarship (\$2,000)

The *Richard Van Pelt Scholarship* was established to encourage qualified students to take an active role in promoting the field of materials through active participation in ASM

### Gerald Hoeffft Scholarship (\$1,000)

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## Eligibility

- 1) Pursuing or enrolled in a Materials or Engineering Related Degree\*
- 2) Previous winners are ineligible!

## Application Requirements

- 1) A completed official application form- see link below
- 2) An original copy of your current high school/junior college/university transcript
- 3) Two letters of recommendation (one must be from a teacher/professor at your school/college/university)

## Application Submission

Above Requirements must be submitted by **Friday, May 30th, 2025** to:

Karen Raab  
Student Outreach Chair  
*Raab\_karen\_r@cat.com*

*Applications can be filled out online at the following link:*

<https://forms.gle/4ZhVqzchGRNkr2uz7>

## Selection Process

The selection will be based on academic work, extracurricular activities, leadership qualities, and demonstrated interest in Metallurgy and Materials. A scholarship committee comprised of the two Student Outreach Committee co-chairs, other specially selected members of the Peoria Chapter of ASM, and Faculty Advisors as appropriate.

## The Scholarship

The scholarship is a one-time award funded by the joint Peoria Chapter of ASM and the Central Illinois Chapter of AFS. Scholarships will be awarded in June of 2025 and paid to the awardee's University account for the fall of 2025.

*\*For questions, please contact Karen Raab at Raab\_karen\_r@cat.com*



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**Statement of Purpose**

Statement of your personal and professional goals.

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**Short Essay** *(in 300 words or less)*

Why you would be interested in a career in metallurgy and/or materials and on what you think you could contribute to the field of materials?

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Signature of the applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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**ASM Scholarship  
Recommendation Form**

Applicant's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Extent of your acquaintance with the applicant:

Appraisal of academic performance:

Comments on personal qualities of the applicant:

Rate the applicant on a scale of one to ten (1 = lowest, 10 = highest)

Overall performance: \_\_\_\_\_

Interest in materials: \_\_\_\_\_

Potential service to ASM: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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