**Scholarships for 2024-2025 Academic Year**

1. **Scholarship Eligibility, Criteria, and Other Considerations**
   1. The following table summarizes available SEF scholarships:

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| **Scholarship** | **Amount** | **Eligibility** | **Qualifications Criteria** |
| SEF Undergraduate Scholarship | $3,000 | Junior or senior standing as of Fall 2024 | Academic achievement, applicant statement, letters of recommendation |
| SEF Graduate Scholarship | $3,000 | Enrollment in graduate school as of Fall 2024 | Academic achievement, applicant statement, letters of recommendation |
| Max Zar Scholarship | $3,000 | Junior standing or above as of Fall 2024. Applicants must be studying engineering at a college or university located in Illinois. | Academic achievement, applicant statement, letters of recommendation |
| Rubinos-Mesia Scholarship | $3,000 | Junior standing or above as of Fall 2024, Applicants must be of Hispanic descent. | Academic achievement, applicant statement, letters of recommendation |
| Fred Haas Scholarship | $3,000 | Enrollment in graduate school as of Fall 2024. Applicants must demonstrate an interest/aptitude in structural steel design and construction | Academic achievement, applicant statement (including examples demonstrating interest/aptitude in structural steel design and construction), letters of recommendation |
| SEF Diversity Scholarship | $3,000 | Junior standing or above as of Fall 2024. Open to students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the profession, including students who identify as female, African American/Black, Indigenous or Hispanic/Latinx. | Academic achievement, applicant statement, letters of recommendation |

* 1. An individual may apply for multiple categories of scholarships, but an individual can only be awarded one scholarship.
  2. For all scholarships, applicants must be currently enrolled in good standing in a civil engineering program or architectural engineering program at a recognized university in the United States and plan to continue with a structural engineering specialization.
  3. Students enrolled in structural engineering technology programs are eligible for the scholarships if they are eligible and qualified to take the Fundamentals of Engineering and Principles and Practice licensure exams in their home state upon graduation (excluding requirements for work experience as a condition for taking the Principles and Practices exam).
  4. Students enrolled in U.S. Military academies or ROTC programs are not eligible for these scholarships.
  5. Scholarship funds may be applied only to tuition expenses while continuing formal engineering education.
  6. Previous scholarship recipients are not eligible to receive a second scholarship from SEF.

1. **Application**
   1. Complete application packages must be received by the Structural Engineers Foundation by **April 5, 2024**. Incomplete applications or submissions received after this datewill not be considered.
   2. The application package must include the following components:
      * 1. The application form (following this information section).
        2. A statement by the applicant of the reasons believed to justify the award to the applicant, including plans for continuing formal education. The written statement must address any specific criteria relevant to the scholarship being applied for.
        3. Official school transcript (may be emailed directly to SEAOI by the school).
        4. A minimum of two recommendations, including one from the applicant’s academic advisor, and one from another member of the civil engineering or architectural engineering faculty. These may be emailed directly to SEAOI (please indicate “SEF Fellowship Letter of Recommendation” and the student’s name in the subject line) or they may be uploaded by the student as part of the application package.
   3. It is the responsibility of the applicant to collect all materials and submit them in a single package; the only exceptions are the official transcript and the letters of recommendation, which may be emailed under separate cover, as noted above.
   4. Applications should be uploaded to the following link: https://forms.gle/1FBG8waoUFHomdB28
2. **Selection**
   1. All complete applications will be reviewed by the SEF Scholarship Committee. This committee will submit its recommendations to the Structural Engineers Foundation Board of Directors for consideration.
   2. The committee may recommend more than one recipient or may recommend that no award be made in a particular year if no outstanding applications are received.
   3. Selection will be based on appraisal of applicant’s personal statement, career plans, academic performance, alignment with specific award criteria (where applicable) and potential for development and leadership. If applicant plans to practice Structural Engineering in the State of Illinois, please include future plans in the personal statement.
3. **Awards**
   1. The amount of each award will be as indicated in the above table.
   2. Recipients will be notified of selection by **May 17, 2024.**
   3. Scholarship funds will be disbursed as a check payable to the recipient. Awardees will be asked to sign an affidavit affirming that the scholarship funds will be used towards tuition expenses.

***“The Advancement of Structural Engineering...”***

The Structural Engineers Foundation is an independent, non-profit organization established to advance structural engineering through education and research. The current and planned activities of the Foundation include:

* Merit-based tuition scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students enrolled in good standing in civil/architectural engineering programs (structural engineering specialization) at recognized universities.
* Expense funds and honoraria to attract eminent experts to lecture on topics of interest to the profession of structural engineering.
* Competitive awards to recognize outstanding scientific achievements in the field of structural engineering.
* Sponsorship of scientific research intended to aid in the advancement of structural engineering.
* Publication of reports, papers and books of special importance and significance to structural engineers.

The Foundation is funded by individual engineers, engineering firms, and other businesses and organizations associated with engineering and construction. It is recognized as a 501(c)(3) charitable non-profit organization by the Internal Revenue Service. Contributions are tax-deductible within the limits prescribed by the applicable provisions of the tax law. Assistance with endowments, trusts, and estate planning can be arranged. Donations from corporate matching gift programs are encouraged.

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**Please use the form fields to provide the information requested below. Note that completed application packages must be received by 5:00pm CDT on April 5, 2024.**

**Personal Information**

Applicant Name

Phone

Email

Date of Birth

**Education – Secondary**

High School

City, State

**Education – Colleges and Universities** *(Please list most recent school first.)*

Name of School #1

City, State

Department/Program

Dates Attended

Degree(s)       GPA

Name of School #2

City, State

Department/Program

Dates Attended

Degree(s)       GPA

Name of School #3

City, State

Department/Program

Dates Attended

Degree(s)       GPA

Class level for the 2024-2025 Academic Year:

☐ 3rd Year

☐ 4th Year

☐ 5th Year

☐ Graduate

☐ Other (please specify:       )

For which scholarships are you applying? (Check all that apply.)

☐ SEF Undergraduate Scholarship

☐ SEF Graduate Scholarship

☐ Max Zar Scholarship (Student attending a college or university in Illinois)

☐ Rubinos-Mesia Scholarship (Student of Hispanic descent)

☐ Fred Haas Scholarship (Graduate Student who demonstrates interest in structural steel design & construction)

☐ SEF Diversity Scholarship (Student from an underrepresented group in Structural Engineering, including students who identify as female, African American/Black, Indigenous or Hispanic/Latinx.)

*If you will be enrolled in graduate school in the fall, please apply for the graduate scholarship.*

Indicate the graduate school where you have been accepted or are already studying:

**Other**

Professional Societies, Organizations, or other involvement:

Honors, Awards, Fellowships, or other recognition:

**Work Experience**

Name of Employer #1

City, State

Immediate Supervisor (Name, Title)

Type of Work

Dates Worked

Hours per Week

Name of Employer #2

City, State

Immediate Supervisor (Name, Title)

Type of Work

Dates Worked

Hours per Week

Name of Employer #3

City, State

Immediate Supervisor (Name, Title)

Type of Work

Dates Worked

Hours per Week

*Are you currently a student member of SEAOI?*

No

Yes

**Gender (optional, unless you are applying for the SEF Diversity Scholarship):**

How do you identify?

Female

Male

Non-Binary

**Race & Ethnicity (optional, unless you are applying for the SEF Diversity Scholarship or the Rubinos-Mesia Scholarship):**

Prefer not to share my race and ethnicity

Are you of Hispanic or Latinx origin?

No

Yes

If Yes, please specify:

Which of the following race classifications best describe you? Check one or more of the following:

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander

White

**Certification**

I hereby acknowledge that all of the information submitted on this form and with this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that submitting false information will automatically disqualify me from any consideration for a scholarship or be the cause for forfeiture and recovery of an award.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

**Submission**

This application form must be accompanied by the following:

1. A written statement by the applicant outlining the reasons believed to justify the award. The written statement must address any specific award criteria relevant to the scholarship being applied for. If applicant plans to practice Structural Engineering in the State of Illinois, please include future plans in the personal statement.
2. An official transcript (may be emailed directly to SEAOI by the school).
3. A minimum of two recommendations, including one from the applicant’s academic advisor, and one from another member of the civil engineering or architectural engineering faculty. These may be emailed directly to SEAOI (please indicate “SEF Fellowship Letter of Recommendation” and the student’s name in the subject line) or they may be uploaded by the student as part of the application package.

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