



## 2026 SAME Savannah Post Scholarship Information

[The Savannah Post, Society of American Military Engineers \(SAME\)](#), is awarding scholarships for the **2026 – 2027** school year under two separate tracks, **Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM)** and **Vocational-Technical** training. The purpose of these scholarships is to encourage and assist qualified students who wish to pursue either a college education in STEM or related degrees, **or** vocational-technical training for entry into construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries so that they, in turn, might further the goals and exemplify the ideals of the Society of American Military Engineers (SAME).

### **2026 Schedule:**

**April 24, 2026:** Deadline for receipt of applications.

**May 22, 2026:** Notification to scholarship recipients.

**June 25, 2026:** First-year recipients are required to attend the [SAME Savannah Post Annual Program Review](#) to receive their initial scholarship check. Additional details will be provided to the scholarship recipients.

### **Terms:**

Scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing either a STEM degree **or** vocational-technical degree or certificate for entry into construction, industrial, power sector, or technology industries. **Scholarships for STEM and two-year vocational-technical degrees are annually recurring scholarships.** These recurring scholarship awards will be made for the 2026 – 2027 academic year **and must be revalidated the subsequent year** for the annual distribution of the follow-on award.

- STEM scholarships will be awarded to undergraduate and graduate students pursuing a degree in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) of study for entry into an architectural, engineering, environmental, OR construction career. STEM scholarships **are annually recurring scholarships** in the amount of \$2,500 for each year of college, up to a total of \$12,500 per scholarship recipient over the course of his/her college career. Eligible applicants may win only one multi-year STEM scholarship. Applicants who have received single year scholarships from SAME Savannah Post in years prior to 2025 or who were discontinued from a multi-year scholarship due to loss of eligibility are encouraged to apply for the remainder of their college curriculum, provided revalidation requirements are met.

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- Vocational-Technical scholarships will be awarded to students pursuing a two-year college or vocational-technical school trade degree **or** certificate for entry into construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries. For students pursuing this track, scholarships in the amount of a single award of \$2,500 for a one-year degree or certification program will be distributed; while for those pursuing two-year degree and certification programs, scholarships in the amount of \$2,500 per year will be distributed over two academic years up to a total of \$5,000 each.

### **Eligibility Requirements:**

1. An eligible individual must be a high school senior or a current college undergraduate or graduate student.
2. An eligible individual must have a minimum of a B average (3.0 on 4.0 scale) at time of application, whether college or high school. Higher grade point averages will garner greater preference.
3. An eligible individual must be:
  - a. accepted by or attending an accredited college or university for the 2026-2027 academic year pursuing a degree in the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) of study for entry into an architectural, engineering, environmental, **OR** construction career, **OR**
  - b. accepted by or attending an accredited vocational-technical school for the 2026 – 2027 academic year pursuing a two-year degree or certificate for entry into the construction, industrial, power sector, or technology industries.
4. An eligible individual must be:
  - a. an active student member of SAME ([click here for SAME student membership information](#)—student membership is free of charge), **OR**
  - b. a dependent of either an SAME Savannah Post member, a member of a Savannah Post SAME annual sponsor firm, or an employee of the Corps of Engineers, **OR**
  - c. sponsored by an active member of the SAME Savannah Post.
5. An individual must provide a completed application package form to include:
  - a. two (2) letters of recommendation from high school or college advisor, academic instructors or immediate supervisor;
  - b. a copy of high school or college transcript;
  - c. a copy of SAT/ACT results (**STEM scholarship only**);
  - d. a headshot photo; and
  - e. a short bio, including the name of your high school or college, your parents' names, and your extracurricular activities and interests.

### **Recertification Eligibility Requirements:**

For recurring scholarships, recipients will be required to be revalidated each subsequent award year to ensure they continue to meet the grade and curriculum requirements. All requirements listed below must be met to maintain eligibility in the multi-year scholarship award.

1. Maintain study in a Science, Technology, Engineering, Math (STEM) or related degree field; **or** a two-year college or vocational-technical school trade degree in the construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries.

2. Maintain a C+/B- average (2.5 on a 4.0 scale) in courses.
3. Submit an official or unofficial transcript each year by the conclusion of the Spring semester.
4. Attend at least one SAME monthly meeting or event and provide proof of attendance to SAME Savannah Scholarship Chair. Proof of attendance can be the Continuing Education letter that is available at the meeting registration table, photo of recipient at event, or in-person check-in with a member of the Savannah Post Board.
5. Maintain student membership within SAME. If not currently a member of SAME, the recipient will be required to enroll as a student member of the Savannah Post. This is a free membership and additional details on SAME student membership can be found here: [Student Membership - SAME](#).

**Selection Criteria:**

All scholarships will be awarded to the most deserving applicants based on academic achievement, participation in extracurricular activities, and affiliation with SAME.

**STEM scholarship selection criteria:**

1. For graduating high school applicants, SAT or ACT test results. Higher scores will receive greater preference.
2. Grade point average. Higher average will receive greater preference.
3. Recommendation by advisor and/or instructor.
4. Required major in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) or related degrees.
5. Evidence of serious scholastic attitude, good character, leadership qualities, and well-rounded personal development.
6. Preference to students with military aspirations, as exemplified by enrollment in Officer Training program or previous military service.

**Vocational-Technical scholarship selection criteria:**

1. Grade point average. Higher average will receive greater preference.
2. Recommendation by advisor and/or instructor.
3. Required two-year college or vocational-technical school trade degree **or** certificate for entry into construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries.
4. Evidence of serious scholastic attitude, good character, leadership qualities, and well-rounded personal development.
5. Preference to students with military aspirations, as exemplified by enrollment in Officer Training program.

**Scholarship Sponsors:**

If a scholarship recipient has a sponsor for their eligibility requirements, they will meet either in-person or virtually at least twice per academic year. The sponsor will be a volunteer from the Savannah Post who is a member in good standing with the Post. The role of the sponsor is to check on the academic progress of the student. Additionally, the sponsor is a resource for the scholarship recipient to assist with meeting members of the

architecture-engineering industry and a sounding board for questions on internships and job opportunities. While twice per year is the minimum requirement, the recipient and sponsor can arrange more frequent communication if desired.

**Application Package Submittal:**

**All Applications MUST Be Submitted Electronically** – Please scan appropriate documents into one PDF file, which includes:

- the application form,
- SAT/ACT results (**STEM college scholarships only**),
- your transcript, high school and/or college transcript,
- college or vocational-technical school acceptance letter,
- recommendation letters (recommendation letters may be sent separately by the authors),
- electronic files for your headshot photo.
- a short bio, including the name of your high school or college, your parents' names, and your extracurricular activities and interests.

E-mail the submittal to: Paul Maggioni at [paul\\_maggioni@yahoo.com](mailto:paul_maggioni@yahoo.com).

**All scholarship application or recertification data must be received by April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

Questions can be directed to Mr. Maggioni at 912-308-4188, or the email address above.

Sincerely,

Paul Maggioni  
SAME Savannah Scholarship and STEM Chair



## 2026 SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

### Application information

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|------------|--|--------|--|
| Full name: | <i>Last</i> <i>First</i> <i>M.I.</i>     | Date:  |  |
| Address:   | <i>Street address</i> <i>Apt/Unit #</i>  | Phone: |  |
|            | <i>City</i> <i>State</i> <i>Zip Code</i> | Email: |  |

### Parent/Legal Guardian Information

|            |  |        |  |
|------------|--|--------|--|
| Full name: | <i>Last</i> <i>First</i> <i>M.I.</i>     | Date:  |  |
| Address:   | <i>Street address</i> <i>Apt/Unit #</i>  | Phone: |  |
|            | <i>City</i> <i>State</i> <i>Zip Code</i> | Email: |  |

### SAME Affiliation Information

Check the box that describes your affiliation with SAME.

- I am a student member of SAME.                      Chapter: \_\_\_\_\_
- My parent/legal guardian is a member of SAME Savannah Post or a member of Savannah SAME post annual sponsor firm.                      Firm: \_\_\_\_\_
- My parent/legal guardian is an employee of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.                      District: \_\_\_\_\_
- I have an active member of the SAME Savannah Post who is my sponsor.                      Sponsor Name: \_\_\_\_\_

- None of these apply. I would like to be assigned a sponsor for the SAME Savannah Post. This sponsor will be assigned by the Post and I will check in with them at least twice per school year to update on my academic progress.

### Educational / Scholarship Track

Check the box that describes your educational and scholarship track category.

- I am pursuing a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) degree.
- I am pursuing a vocational-technical certificate or two-year degree in the construction, industrial, power sector, or technology industries.

### Education

|                      |  |
|----------------------|--|
| High School Name:    |  |
| High School Address: |  |
| Graduation Date:     |  |
| Cumulative GPA:      |  |

*Street address* *City* *State*

Check the box and fill in the blanks that best represent your post-high school education.

- I am not yet enrolled in college or vocational/technical school.

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| College or vocational-technical school You Plan to Attend: |  |  | Proposed Major/Program of Study: |  |
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- I am already attending college or vocational/technical school.

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| College / VoTech School: |  |  | Cumulative GPA: |  |  | Major: |  |  | Years Remaining to Degree: |  |
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### Leadership and Service

List membership in high school and/or college honor societies and extracurricular activities. Include leadership role or position within each organization.

Do you have plans for a military career?    Yes     No

If yes, briefly describe:

Are you now a member of your high school ROTC?

Yes  No

There is no ROTC unit at my school

Are you now or plan to become a member of your college ROTC?

Yes  No

There is no ROTC unit at my school

Have you ever been awarded a previous SAME scholarship?

Yes  No

If yes, which Post?

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### Written Reflections

Why are you interested in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM); vocational-technical training in construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries; or related degrees as a field of study? Limit 250 words.

What would a scholarship from SAME mean for you? Limit 250 words.

Provide a brief paragraph of your bio including the name of your high school or college, your parents' names, and your extracurricular activities and interests to be included in Post Newsletter and announcements, should you be selected for award.

## Application Checklist

Include the following information with this application.

- SAT/ACT results (**STEM Scholarship only**)
- Two (2) recommendations from an advisor/counselor and/or instructor/professor. Can be attached or sent separately. Must be received by **April 24, 2026**.

Reference #1:

| Name | Position | Phone Number | Email |
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Reference #2:

| Name | Position | Phone Number | Email |
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- Current copy of high school and/or college transcript
- Acceptance letter from college or vocational-technical school. Contact the Post Scholarship Chair if this is not available by the time this application is due.
- Application filled out and written reflections completed.
- Head shot (for inclusion on Post website if selected)
- Short bio, including name of high school or college, your parents' names, and your extracurricular activities and interests.

## Timeline

Key dates for this scholarship application and award are listed below.

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## Signature

By signing below, I agree to the following:

- I am seeking EITHER a \$2,500/year scholarship for a term of up to five (5) years to pursue a college degree in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) or related degrees; OR a \$2,500/year scholarship for a term of up to two (2) years to pursue a two-year vocational-technical certificate or degree in construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries; OR a single year \$2,500 scholarship for a one-year vocational-technical technical certificate or degree in construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries.
- If I am awarded a scholarship and not currently a member of SAME, I will enroll as a student member of SAME for the duration of my scholarship. This student membership is no cost and can be completed [here](#).
- I will submit an unofficial transcript every academic year and maintain above a 2.5 GPA.
- I will attend at least one SAME meeting per year to maintain my eligibility for this scholarship. I will send proof of attendance to the Post Scholarship Chair. Proof of attendance can be the Continuing Education letter that is available at the meeting registration table.
- I will maintain a major in a STEM or related degree OR maintain a program of study for a vocational-technical technical certificate or degree in construction, industrial, power sector, and technology industries; and will inform SAME if this changes.
- Failure to submit my transcript, maintain a 2.5 GPA, attend at least one meeting per year, or maintain a STEM major will result in loss of scholarship. If I return to eligible status, I must submit a new application.

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

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