School of Engineering and Applied Science

Founded in 1819 by Thomas Jefferson, the University of Virginia is one of the nation’s leading institutions of higher education. In the fall of 2007, U.S. News & World Report ranked UVA second (after Berkeley) among public universities and ranked our undergraduate engineering program 33rd in the nation.

The University of Virginia’s School of Engineering and Applied Science was founded in 1836 as the second engineering school at a public university.

The mission is to achieve international prominence as a student-focused school of engineering and applied science that educates men and women to be leaders in technology and society and that contributes to the well-being of our citizens through the creation and transfer of knowledge. Our students are equipped with the tools they need to be successful leaders not only in traditional engineering fields but also in business. Our faculty are highly regarded in their respective fields: 73 are Fellows of professional societies, and 11 are Fellows of the National Academy of Engineering (NAE), including 1997-2007 NAE president William A. Wulf.

Questions regarding any aspect of the NSF Scholars Programs may be addressed to:

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GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP INFORMATION

The School of Engineering and Applied Science (SEAS) Center for Diversity in Engineering will provide NSF scholarships to increase the number of talented, but financially disadvantaged students, graduating and entering the workforce in the technical fields. The PAGES Scholarship is available for those who wish to complete their baccalaureate and graduate degrees in the engineering technical fields. It also provides assistance to those who wish to make a successful transition from college to the workforce or graduate education.

NSF Scholars have the opportunity to participate in professional development workshops, classes, industry extern/internships, mentoring, and academic progress monitoring offered by both institutions. The Center for Diversity in Engineering in SEAS will facilitate all NSF Scholars Program activities.

ELIGIBILITY
◊ US citizen or Permanent Resident
◊ Eligible for Pell Grant, Stafford Subsidized Loans, Perkins Federal Loans, PLUS Loans, or Graduate Assistance in areas of national need
◊ Second priority is Unsubsidized
◊ Enrolled as a full-time undergraduate or graduate student
◊ Enrolled in School of Engineering and Applied Science
◊ Minimum GPA UG -2.75 G. - 3.3

SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS
The average scholarship amount awarded in 2009 was ~$2,100 per student for 50 UVA engineering students. Recipients must be enrolled as full-time students each semester.

SELECTION CRITERIA
Scholarship recipients are selected on the basis of eligibility for Federal Pell Grant, loans, GPA, and a letter of interest. Recipients must be enrolled in the School of Engineering and Applied Science at the baccalaureate or graduate level.

The letter of interest must express the student’s motivation and interest to participate in the engineering field and provide an explanation of how the NSF Scholars Program will aid them in completing their degree.

Final selection of scholarship recipients is made by the NSF Program Director and Advisory Board.

APPLICATION
Applicants must complete the application and submit it with an official transcript of grades and a letter of interest by the postmark deadline of October 22, 2009.

The application can be obtained from the Center for Diversity in Engineering website, beginning October 15, 2009.

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