



IEEE Power & Energy Society
SCHOLARSHIP PLUS INITIATIVE™
Preparing the Next Generation of Power & Energy Engineers



Do you have what it takes to qualify for the PES Scholarship Plus Initiative™? If so, you can receive up to three years of financial support (total of \$7,000) and gain career experience through internships and co-op work. The award process is competitive, but as long as you continue to meet the requirements, you'll receive \$2,000 the first year, \$2,000 the second year, and \$3,000 the third year.¹ And the funds will be paid directly to you. Qualifying students can apply as early as their freshman year. You may already be in an electrical engineering program, or just considering one. [Find out](#) if you qualify!

Career experience opportunities will be made available to PES Scholars through leading industry companies via [PES Careers](#). You don't have to find your internship, work-study, or co-op through PES Careers, but you will be required to have one "significant" career experience each year in order to renew your scholarship.

[Begin your application now.](#)

¹ You'll have to reapply each June for the following academic year, but the funds are set aside, and as long as you continue to be eligible, you'll continue to receive funds.

Funding

You can receive up to three years of financial support through the PES Scholarship Plus Initiative™. Scholarship levels are \$2,000 \$2,000 and \$3,000 for the first, second and third years respectively. As long as you continue to meet the renewal criteria, you'll continue to receive the scholarship each year. The funds are paid directly to students and are intended to help defray educational costs. Interested? Check to see if you meet the requirements for eligibility!

Eligibility

You can apply for the PES Scholarship as early as your first year in college. In fact, first year students are very much encouraged to apply. You are eligible to receive the scholarship if:

- You'll consider a career in electric power and energy engineering.
- You'll be working toward an electrical engineering bachelor's degree.
- You'll be a full-time student in the coming academic year at a U.S. university or college that offers undergraduate courses in power engineering.*
- You're willing to take at least three of the power engineering courses for a total of nine or more credits.
- You're a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- You're currently enrolled full-time at a university/college or community college.
- You're current GPA is 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale (or equivalent).

*The university or college must have an ABET-accredited, 4-year electrical engineering program. The subjects of typical power engineering courses can be viewed [here](#).

Selection

Selection for PES first-year scholarships is competitive. Your scholarship award application will be ranked based on these factors:

- Academic performance (based on overall GPA)
- The alignment of your technical and personal interests with the power and energy engineering field
- Your personal strengths (such as achievements, volunteer activities, work experience, your endorsement letter, etc.)
- Strength of your academic program (based on the institution's overall power and energy engineering curriculum)

You'll have to [reapply](#) to receive the scholarships for the second and third year but as long as you continue to meet the [eligibility requirements](#), including having had a career experience, you'll continue to receive the scholarship in those years.

Renewal

After you have been awarded your first year scholarship of \$2,000, you'll be invited to reapply each year until you graduate (a maximum of three years). In order to receive the award in the second and third years, you are required to take part in some type of [career experience](#) in power and energy engineering each year.

You're also required to become a student member of IEEE and the Power & Energy Society (PES) — but the first year's membership is free! IEEE and PES membership has many [benefits](#) as well!

Here's what you'll have to do to renew your scholarship:

- Work in a power and energy engineering position before your scholarship is renewed. This might be a [summer internship](#) or co-op experience. You may also meet this requirement by working in a summer job that's equivalent to an internship or co-op experience (for example, a summer power and energy engineering research experience at your university)
- Join IEEE and PES. The first year's membership in IEEE will be paid out of the scholarship fund and the first-year student membership in PES is free. Annual membership fees for students are very low: only for \$32 IEEE and \$18 for PES!
- Take opportunities to learn more about power and energy engineering careers. This might be through mentoring, field trips, seminars, PES conferences and meetings, research projects, short courses, online courses, or participation in a PES chapter
- Subscribe to [PES Careers](#) and upload your resume

- Submit transcripts that demonstrate that you've followed your academic plans and taken courses from the [list of typical power engineering subjects](#)
- Maintain a B or better GPA

Have a look at the [schedule](#) to see the deadlines for applications, career experience, and renewal applications.

Schedule

Here are some dates for your calendar if you're applying for the PES Scholarship Plus Initiative™. Each year you'll have to submit a renewal application, so this schedule applies for all three years.

June 30

Deadline to complete the online scholarship application form.

September 30

You'll be notified whether you've received the award (or whether your award was renewed). You will be asked to provide supplemental information before the check can be disbursed.

October 31

Scholarship award funds will be distributed

November 1 - January 15

PES Careers will post positions for internships and career experience. We recommend you apply as soon as possible!

February 28

If you haven't been able to find career experience by this date, you should notify IEEE PES immediately, and we will provide assistance.

August 31

Your career experience for the year should be completed by around this time—in other words, we expect you to get your career experience by the end of summer before your next year in the program.

Co-op Programs: We understand that if you're in a cooperative program, it may work on a different schedule than the one listed above for internships. You'll just need to describe the co-op arrangements in your renewal application. If your institution has a mandatory co-op program, you'll need to ask for help from IEEE PES three months before the start of the co-op cycle, to give us time to ensure your success.

