



# Professional Engineers of North Carolina

Dear Student:

Thank you for requesting information about the scholarship sponsored by the Professional Engineers of North Carolina (PENC). The enclosed application is for engineering students only. To be eligible, you must currently be enrolled in an ABET certified engineering program at one of the 16 UNC campuses.

**Rising Juniors and Seniors in Engineering: Application deadline is the published date.**

You may be a resident of any state, but you must be a US citizen. You must be a rising Junior or Senior (academically) undergraduate student in an engineering degree program certified by the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology *at one of the 16 UNC campuses*. You must have at least 2 semesters (1 year) remaining in your engineering program. To determine if an engineering program is ABET certified, contact the university or check the ABET web site at <http://www.abet.org>. The state scholarship offered by PENC is:

**PENC Scholarship - (\$2,000 for one year if student remains in engineering at one of the 16 UNC campuses)**

**You may also be eligible for local and regional scholarships. This application is only for the PENC Scholarship.**

**Return your completed application to:**

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Or Email:  
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*An application is enclosed.*

## Frequently Asked Questions

Q: This application is for what scholarship?

A: This application is only for the PENC scholarship offered to engineering college students in North Carolina at one of the 16 UNC campuses.

Q: What if I am a high school student?

A: The enclosed application is for college engineering students only. If you are a high school student you may be eligible for another scholarship. Please contact the website of the NSPE (National Society of Professional Engineers) for additional information.

Q: How can I get information on other scholarships?

A: We only have information on the NSPE/PENC scholarships. We also offer the McKim & Creed Scholarship to students in civil engineering at one of the 16 UNC campuses and with 2 years (4 semesters) remaining after the Spring 2018 semester. To get information on other scholarships, you should contact your counselor, search the Internet, and search your college or public library.

Q: Can I apply for both the PENC and McKim & Creed Scholarships if I qualify for both?

A: Yes, but you can be selected for only 1 of the 2 scholarships.

Q: How are scholarship winners selected?

A: Selection is based on academic achievement, but preference is given to student members of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Q: What is ABET?

A: ABET is the Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology, an organization which certifies that engineering and technology curriculum meets strict standards.

Q: What if I am not enrolled in an ABET certified engineering program?

A: Then you are not eligible for this scholarship.

Q: What if I am not a resident of North Carolina?

A: You do not have to be a resident of North Carolina to apply for this scholarship.

Q: Do I have to attend a university in North Carolina?

A: Yes, you must be enrolled at one of the universities that are part of the 16 UNC campus system in North Carolina to be eligible for this scholarship.

Q: How competitive is this scholarship?

A: The PENC scholarship is very competitive. This scholarship is awarded from the PENC Education Foundation. Selection is based upon academic achievement, but preference is given to student members of the National Society of Professional Engineers.

Q: Do I have to submit an official school transcript with my application?

A: Yes, you must include an official school transcript. Unofficial copies are not accepted.

Q: What are the important dates?

A: Applications must be received by the published date. Scholarships are typically awarded in May or June.

Q: What are the expectations of the scholarship recipient?

A: To remain an engineering student at one of the 16 UNC campuses for the entire year of the scholarship.

Q: What if I have more questions?

A: E-mail Tara Foy at [tfoy@firstpointresources.com](mailto:tfoy@firstpointresources.com)