

MEMORANDUM

To: Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors Fall 2008
College of Engineering

From: Dr. Bevlee Watford, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs

Date: January 14, 2008

Subject: 2008-2009 College of Engineering Merit Scholarships

We are now accepting applications for College of Engineering merit scholarships for the 2008-2009 academic year. An overall GPA of 3.0 or higher will be considered competitive for the majority of scholarships, though some scholarships do require a higher GPA.

Anyone who wishes to receive a college scholarship **MUST** submit this application. **Even if you have received a scholarship in past years which is renewable based on your GPA alone, you still must submit the application by the deadline listed above in order to be eligible for any additional departmental or college-level funding.**

Applications are available on-line at <http://www.eng.vt.edu/academics/scholarship/application.html>

YOU MUST SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION ELECTRONICALLY.

Please note the application includes an essay which can be attached from Word (or other word processing programs). You may attach the essay at the same time you initially complete the application, or return to your application after the essay is composed to attach it. Recognize that incomplete applications (i.e. those lacking essays) will not be considered. Essays must be limited to one typed page, 10 pt. Times New Roman font. The essay question for this application is:

Discuss the one technological advancement in the past century you feel had the greatest impact on society. (Depth of thinking, clarity & conciseness will be considered when reviewing your essay.)

Applications must be complete, including essay, and submitted **no later than 5pm on Monday, March 3, 2008**. The submittal function will be cut off at one second past 4:59:59pm, so please plan accordingly.

Scholarship amounts vary from \$500 for one year to \$5000+/year renewable up to three years. Some sponsors request personal interviews; others allow the dean's office or departmental scholarship committees to select scholarship recipients.

We strongly encourage you to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the University General Scholarship Application. More information on both of these applications can be found at the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid web page at www.finaid.vt.edu. Submitting these applications will enhance your scholarship opportunities for other university scholarships.

Most scholarship awards will be made by July 1st. **Notification will be sent to the mailing address indicated on your scholarship application. Please contact me with any change to your mailing address to insure you will receive your scholarship notification.**

Please call 231-3244 with any questions.