

General Instructions for Completing the Application for Merit Awards for Students

‘American Society of Nepalese Engineers’ (ASNEng) Merit Awards for Students’ is targeted at first-year Bachelors of Engineering students who have achieved high academic standards in their Secondary Education Examination (SEE) and beyond. Since 2021, society has changed its criteria to include students who are meritorious as well as require financial aid. Students who have a **Grade Point Average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher in SEE and Higher Secondary Education Board (HSEB)** may apply for this Merit Award. The merit award will be \$500 each and a total of five (5) awards will be offered in 2022. One of these awards is reserved for female candidates and will be evaluated among female applicants only; however female applicants can also apply for the general category.

Students who attended public schools: Starting 2021, additional weight will be given to students who completed their SEE or HSEB from public schools (colloquially called “Sarkaree” Schools; see scoring criteria on the next page). This provision is expected to create a level playing field for students who didn’t get the opportunity to study in private or boarding schools but have the potential to do well in the fields of engineering. It is the applicant’s responsibility to provide proof of the applicant completed SEE or HSEB from a public school. *The proof can be submitted in the form of a certification letter from the Municipality, High School/HSEB, or District Education Office at the applicant’s convenience.*

A personal essay is required. The essay intends to provide an opportunity for the applicant to tell us about himself/herself. We expect you to write the essay in your own words and be truly authentic in what you can share about yourself and your family background. Please include your high school experience as well as your HSEB and college experiences. Applicants are encouraged to share their interest, passion, and career goals as well as how you want to serve the community after you complete your engineering education. In addition, this is the opportunity for you to make a case for why you need this scholarship and how it would help you achieve your aspirations. Please note that there may be other applicants with similar academic and family backgrounds. *The Awards, Grants, and Scholarship Committee wants to know why you are the right candidate for the merit award. Please limit your essay to 500 words.*

The completed application form must be formally signed by a university/college administrative official (Dean, Campus Chief, Head of the Department, or Chief Admission Officer) and be stamped.

All application materials should be combined as one PDF document and sent electronically to: awardschair@asnengr.org

The following are the grading criteria used by the society to select recipients of the Merit Awards.

Scoring Criteria	Maximum Possible Score
SEE Completed: GPA 3.0 or above	35%

HSEB or Equivalent Degree completed: GPA 3.0 or above	45%
Personal Essay: Write an essay about (not an exclusive list) your (applicant's) family background, financial situation, life experiences, career goals, extracurricular activities, and volunteering/community services. The essay should be written clearly and concisely justifying why s/he needs this award and why s/he may be the right candidate for it. <u>Limit the essay to 500 words.</u>	5%
Additional score reserved for students who completed their SEE and/or +2 (or I. Sc.) education from Public Schools.	15%
Total Score	100%