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### **Cedar Valley Scholarship Policies\*\***

The Cedar Valley Section of the Society of Women Engineers offers a minimum of one scholarship to graduating female\* high school seniors, from the greater Cedar Valley area, who will be attending an ABET accredited school to pursue a BS degree full-time in the field of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). The applicant's home address must be inside the Cedar Valley section boundaries - these include IA zip codes in the counties of Black Hawk, Buchanan, Bremer, Butler, Chickasaw, and Grundy. The college or university does not need to be located in Iowa. The scholarship is awarded based on academic excellence and need. The applicant must have a minimum unweighted GPA of 3.0. Additional materials such as resumes or letters of recommendation will be considered. **The completed application, essay, transcripts, and any supporting documentation must be postmarked or electronically received by July 31<sup>st</sup>.** Applications without transcripts or submitted after the due date, will not be considered. You will receive a confirmation email when your application is received. The award recipient will be notified by August 15<sup>th</sup>. Scholarship checks will be issued directly to the applicant upon receiving proof that they will be attending the ABET accredited engineering school in the year that the scholarship is received, such as proof of college registration. The scholarship award is determined annually and is generally \$500 to \$1000.

IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education, describes the federal tax policy regarding scholarships. In summary, the policy holds that scholarships designated for tuition, books and fees or portions of scholarships used for tuition, books and fees are tax-free. Any part of a scholarship used for purposes other than tuition, books and fees is taxable. It is the responsibility of the awarded applicant to know their tax liabilities; individual state tax policies may differ and should be consulted as appropriate.

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\*The gender of the applicant is defined as the gender with which the applicant identifies.

\*\* Proposed, voted, and approved FY20 Cedar Valley Executive Board Meeting

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