

2026 Scholarship Applications are open.

The Palisades-Midatlantic Section of the Society of Plastics Engineers (SPE) is proud to offer academic scholarships to associated members who have demonstrated excellence in various fields of study. Listed below are the available scholarships and criteria. If you, or a family member, are interested in applying, please submit the required documents by April 30, 2026. If you would like to learn more about our scholarships, which honor our Section members, you can read the history [here](#).

If you are not a current member of SPE but you are interested in joining or becoming affiliated with the SPE Palisades-Midatlantic Section, please contact us at info@spe-pnj.org or visit www.4spe.org

Scholarship Name	Scholarship Award	Number Available	Academic Criteria	Palisades-Midatlantic Section Criteria
Alva Whitney Graduate Scholarship	\$4000.00	1	Graduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
John Manson-Les Sperling Graduate Scholarship	\$2000.00	1	Graduate study in Physical/Chemical or Materials Science/Engineering Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Jack Ryan-Kris Mathur Undergraduate Scholarship	\$4000.00	1	Undergraduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
J. Stephen Duerr and John Manson-Les Sperling Undergraduate Scholarship	\$2000.00	2	Undergraduate study in Physical/Chemical or Materials Science/Engineering Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Richard Bradley Undergraduate Scholarship	\$2000.00	1	Undergraduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Francis McAndrew and Sal Monte High School Scholarships	\$2000.00	2	Enrollment at 2 or 4 year college/university. Planned study in any field	Graduating High School Student at Time of Award. Child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member
Palisades-Midatlantic Scholarships	Varied	TBD	Graduate or undergraduate study in any field. Applicant must be in good academic standing	Full, affiliate, or student SPE member, OR child/grandchild of an active Palisades Midatlantic Section Member

To apply for a scholarship, please submit the documents listed below. Transcripts are confidential and not viewed by anyone outside of the evaluation team. Submit essays and any membership information by email to mllavach58@gmail.com. If not using validated transcript service, submit official transcripts to Mark Lavach, 1083 Billingsley Drive, Batavia OH, 45103.

Required documents:

- Official transcript (Submitted by mail or validated transcript service)
- A one to two page essay describing your contributions to your chosen field of study or how the scholarship award might help you to achieve your future goals.
- Your SPE membership number, or the name and membership number of the member to whom you are related.

The deadline for submissions is April 30, 2026, with awards announced by June 2026.