

PIECES Scholarship Application Checklist

To be considered for a PIECES scholarship, you must meet **all** of the following conditions.

General Eligibility Requirements

- United States citizen
- New* freshman or *new* community college transfer student **in the coming fall semester** (Currently enrolled students are ineligible.)
- Admitted to SIUE **by March 1**
- Planned full-time enrollment in one of the bachelor's degree programs offered in the SIUE School of Engineering: civil engineering, computer engineering, computer science, construction management, electrical engineering, industrial engineering, manufacturing engineering, or mechanical engineering
- Demonstrated financial need calculated as: Unmet need = (Fall SIUE costs for students not living with their parents) – (Estimated family contribution from the financial aid application) – (Grants and scholarship aid)

(Note that the scholarships are limited to \$10,000. You need not calculate your unmet need to apply, but if you are highly unlikely to have an unmet need, you may want to skip applying as applications without unmet need are ineligible.)

Application Materials Sent in Application Packet Postmarked **by March 1**

- Completed application form
- Two completed teacher recommendation *forms* in sealed envelopes
(Note that recommendation *letters* can also be sent but the *forms* are required.)
- Essay that clearly explains in approximately 500 words:
 - ✓ in which major you are interested (See list under “General Eligibility Requirements.”)
 - ✓ why you are interested in this major (Demonstrate your interest in and knowledge of the major.)
 - ✓ what you think you will do with this major after you graduate (State your career goals.)

Grammar counts so it's a good idea to have someone else proofread your essay. Creativity is also encouraged. This essay can also be used for the SIUE Meridian Scholar Program and the ISPE St. Clair Chapter Scholarship Program.

Other Application Materials Received **by March 1**

- ACT scores if not on your transcript
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) – make sure to include SIUE (code 001759)

Other Information

- Receipt of all applications will be acknowledged via e-mail. If you submit your application and do not receive an e-mail, please contact Ms. Joy Tedford at (618)650-2533 or SOEPieces@lists.siu.edu.
- Applications will generally be reviewed and decisions made by mid-April.