



**Building a
foundation
for future
professional
engineers**

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Building a Foundation for Education: 50 years and counting

For the last 50 years, the Ontario Professional Engineers Foundation for Education (FFE) has provided scholarships to engineering students in Ontario, to encourage them to strive for academic excellence, develop their leadership qualities and pursue careers in the profession. It is also helping to maintain engineering's long-standing reputation for high standards by recognizing technical excellence and promoting the development of future engineers.



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From left to right: N. Calderbank, C. Chisu, M. Ecsedi, D. Wilson, P. Cowherd, R. Weldon, S. Jack, K. Lopez, C. Karakatsanis, P. Orr. Absent: G. Comrie

The FFE is an independent, not-for-profit charitable organization established by Professional Engineers Ontario (PEO) in 1959, and now managed by PEO and the Ontario Society of Professional Engineers (OSPE). To date, it has been supported almost exclusively by PEO member donations, which have grown from a total of \$3,500 in the foundation's first year, to \$120,000 in 2008. FFE President Stephen Jack, P.Eng., says donations have increased by 65 per cent in the last four years, because of greater member awareness of the work of the foundation, an increase in donations from chapter-sponsored charity events, and industry fundraising.

More than 90 per cent of FFE donations go directly to students pursuing a degree at one of Ontario's 15 universities with a Canadian Engineering Accreditation Board (CEAB)-accredited engineering program. One way is through annual entrance scholarships, valued at \$1,000 each, awarded to students (one male and one female at each university) who have a high academic standing in their final year of high school.



UOIT



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EWB

To be eligible for the \$2,000 scholarship, students must be outstanding leaders in their school or community and have demonstrated a commitment to people in developing communities.

“What really struck me were the connections made between studying engineering, working in international development and the unique skill that engineers had to offer in solving the most complex problem of our time: poverty”.

Mina Shahid, student, University of Toronto, recipient, FFE-EWB scholarship



Janna Hamilton, EIT, a University of Guelph graduate of water resources engineering, received the FFE-EWB Leaders for the Future scholarship in 2007, which helped pay for her tuition and housing while she volunteered in Ghana, Africa.

“When I was informed I was receiving the scholarship, I felt honoured and appreciative....Receiving a merit-based scholarship encourages me to continue to strive for excellence in my studies.”

Garett Morin, second-year biomedical student, University of Western Ontario, recipient, Undergraduate Scholarship

“Your organization should be applauded on the role it has played for five decades in the support and advancement of professional engineers in our province....Your commitment to engineering students, the engineering profession, and to future engineering leadership is most appreciated.”

David Wilkinson, P.Eng., distinguished university professor, dean, Faculty of Engineering, McMaster University

“The PEO gold medal is especially significant to me as it represents the highest engineering ideals and standards to which I have always strived. I am extremely passionate about engineering and committed to using my skills to benefit society. I am very grateful to receive such a prestigious award from the foundation.”

Victoria Lee, graduating mechanical student, Queens University, recipient of the FFE Gold Medal as well as numerous other awards

The Foundation also awards a gold medal (with no cash value) to a graduating student at each university who achieves the highest cumulative standing throughout her or his undergraduate program.



Gold Medal Winners

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