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Our mission is to encourage and empower young people to become the next generation of engineers through scholarship opportunities, outreach to educational institutions, and promoting interest in engineering as a career.

- 1 CEF provides up to \$5,000 in incentive awards during an engineering student's academic career.
- 2 CEF has awarded nearly \$100,000 in awards to both high school graduates and college students studying engineering in the past year and over \$500,000 in the past five years.
- 3 CEF Scholars (Award Recipients) attend many of the best engineering programs in the country such as Illinois Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, Purdue University, University of Wisconsin, MIT, Stanford University, Yale University and Harvard University.
- 4 The median GPA for high school award recipients is 5.00, median ACT score is 32, and the average community service hours completed is 117 per applicant.
- 5 The CEF Award is merit based, utilizing a formal application process held every spring.
- 6 For the past two years, more than 400 students have applied for CEF Awards.
- 7 On average, 40% of CEF award recipients are among the first generation of their family attending college.
- 8 Forty-seven percent of the CEF Awards recipients are female.
- 9 CEF volunteers visit more than 50 Chicago schools annually to talk about engineering careers to inspire young minds. More than 1,500 K-12 students are impacted each academic year.
- 10 In addition to monetary awards, CEF Scholars receive career resources to help them build their professional portfolio while matriculating through their college studies.



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