

State News for NSPE Members

Call for Applications: NSPE-NH State Scholarship Program

NSPE-NH offers an annual state scholarship(s) for a minimum value of \$1,000. **Applications will be accepted until Friday, April 28.** Access the scholarship application and more information [here](#).

Who is Eligible for the Scholarships?

Scholarships are granted to high school seniors or college undergraduate students who are currently, or will be enrolled in an ABET-EAC accredited engineering program. Applicants must be in-state (NH) residents and preference will be given to students planning on attending a New Hampshire university or college. The scholarships are awarded based on financial need, academic achievement, and community involvement.

Scholarships for engineering students are made possible through the generous contributions of NSPE-NH members, donor corporations, and fundraising activities. The intent of the scholarship is to encourage growth and career development at the state level within the areas of general civil, structural, mechanical, and electrical engineering professions. One or more scholarships are awarded depending on the performance of the scholarship fund for that year.

New Hampshire Lawmakers Are Split on EV Charging Infrastructure Study Bill

The number of electric vehicles on New England roads is growing. But people driving EVs don't have many charging options in New Hampshire.

A [bill](#) introduced in the state Senate would create a committee to study how the state could help fund the development of more charging infrastructure. But legislators are split on the issue, according to a [New Hampshire Public Radio report](#).

Though the Senate passed the bill, the House's Science, Technology and Energy

committee was split along party lines – with Democrats in favor and Republicans opposed. The bill will come before the full House without a recommendation on whether it should pass.

Senate Republican Tim Lang is the primary sponsor of the bill, which would modernize the language around electric vehicle charging in New Hampshire law and direct the Public Utilities Commission to make determinations about how EV charging rates should be designed, in addition to creating the study committee.

Lang told the House committee he introduced the bill because he was concerned about tourism, as more drivers in Massachusetts buy EVs, but don't see enough places in New Hampshire to charge them. But, he said, he wants to make sure costs don't fall to all Granite Staters. [Read more.](#)

Water, Solar Investments Coming to New Hampshire

New federal funding will be infused into New Hampshire's water systems and new energy initiatives, [The Center Square reports.](#)

The US Department of Agriculture's Rural Development program and Congresswoman Annie Kuster, D-NH, said the renewable energy and clean water initiatives would see three investments designed to support water infrastructure and affix a pair of solar rays at one business.

Kuster, a senior member of the Energy and Commerce Committee, said it is essential to expand access to clean energy while at the same time creating new infrastructure in rural New Hampshire communities.

"From expanding access to renewable energy technology to strengthening our clean water infrastructure, USDA Rural Development is a critical partner for New Hampshire," Kuster said in a statement. "It was great to tour Goosebay Sawmill & Lumber and Woody Hollow Cooperative today to see firsthand the impact these federal resources will have on our communities."

According to a release, funding was secured using the Rural Energy for America Program and Water and Environmental Programs. [Read more.](#)



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Don't Hesitate to Share Your PE Story

By Britt Smith, P.E., F.NSPE, President 2022–2023



Have you ever thought about how many people will ever need to hire an engineer? Probably not very many. But as engineers, we have a huge impact on their lives and in countless ways. For example, we all expect clean water to come out of the faucet, the lights to come on when we want, the bridge we cross on the way to work to be safe, the air we breathe to be clean, and the products we buy for our kids to be safe. When engineers do their best work,

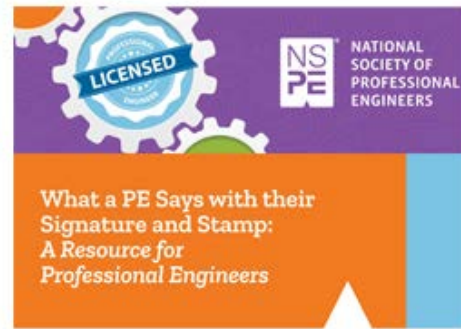
most people don't even notice. Yet, as a profession we strive to make everyone's life better.

The work of our profession by design affects the lives of many people—likely tens of thousands on a daily basis. In my case, I work in the public works department in the community that I reside and that means the decisions I make don't just affect nameless strangers. The people in this community are my neighbors, my friends, and my family. [Read more.](#)

New Policy Documents: The Signature and Stamp, Key Issues for the PE

The Committee on Policy and Advocacy has released the "[What a PE Says with their Signature and Stamp](#)" document. The document provides a general awareness of the PE

signature and stamp process and includes best practices and lessons learned for those considering developing or improving their own process. The committee recently updated and released the documents, “[What is a PE?](#)” and “[Key Issues for the Professional Engineer.](#)” Updated position statements can be accessed [here](#).



QBS Awards Program Accepting Nominations

NSPE is seeking nominations for the 2023 QBS Awards. The [QBS Awards program](#) promotes and recognizes the exemplary use of the qualifications-based selection process.

Award winners [serve as examples of how well the QBS process works](#), and they help NSPE promote the practice of QBS in jurisdictions that do not use, or underuse, QBS to procure engineering services. A maximum of one QBS Award may be presented to the federal government sector, the state government sector (includes all governmental units under the state level), and nongovernment sector.

The deadline for nominations is **Monday, May 1** (close of business). Access the awards information and nomination form [here](#).

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