



Society of Women Engineers Chicago Regional Section

Partnering with SWE-CRS

The Society of Women Engineers is the world's largest advocate and catalyst for change for women in engineering and technology. We help members reach their full potential as engineers and leaders through networking, professional development and the shaping of public policy. And, we inspire young girls to become engineers and support them with scholarships.

The award-winning Chicago Regional Section (CRS) is the one of the largest professional SWE sections in the country. With over 650 members, SWE-CRS offers professional development opportunities, provides outreach and career guidance for local elementary and high school students, and awards scholarships to area high school senior women. In addition, we support and mentor SWE sections at local universities including Northwestern University, The University of Notre Dame, University of Illinois – Chicago, Valparaiso University, Northern Illinois University, Purdue University Calumet, Illinois Institute of Technology, and Olivet Nazarene University. Through their participation in SWE-CRS activities, members broaden their perspectives and help sustain a strong engineering, science, and technology workforce in the Chicago regional area.

Partnering with SWE-CRS provides you with opportunities to:

- Gain access to a vibrant, talented engineering workforce in our region
- Advance the professional development of engineers in your organization
- Network and engage with highly qualified engineering professionals in our region
- Recruit engineering students from the following universities:

• Illinois Institute of Technology	• Purdue University Calumet
• Northern Illinois University	• The University of Notre Dame
• Northwestern University	• University of Illinois – Chicago
• Olivet Nazarene University	• Valparaiso University

- Receive recognition on our website and membership communications and at our end-of-year celebration

Opportunities to partner with SWE-CRS include:

- Sponsoring a Signature Event
- Hosting a Professional Development Meeting
- Hosting a Facility Tour
- Contributing to Student Scholarships and Awards
- Supporting Collegiate SWE Activities
- Participating in Outreach for K-12 Students

Additional details about these opportunities are included below.



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Your organization's sponsorship level is recognized based on cumulative donations within a fiscal year. Also accepted are donations to underwrite general operating expenses and gifts of prizes and giveaways. Sponsors at every level are recognized at the Annual Awards Banquet. If you would like more information on our sponsorship opportunities, please let us know at swe-crs@swe.org.

SWE-CRS Sponsorship: Leadership Levels		
Platinum: \$4500 & above	Gold: \$1500 - \$4499	Silver: \$500 - \$1499

Signature Events

General Meetings
Spring and Fall general meetings serve to introduce members to SWE-CRS and update members on the activities that the section has planned for the year. This event provides an excellent opportunity to meet, network, and socialize with professional engineers. Sponsors are invited to provide a 15-20 minute keynote address.
Date: March and October
Sponsorship: \$800
Underwrite: Speaker, facility and audio/visual fees, food and beverages for 30-50 attendees

Corporate Spotlight Event
These evenings feature networking, dinner, and a chance to highlight your company to the SWE-CRS Section.
Date: Throughout the year
Sponsorship: \$600
Underwrite: Speaker, facility and audio/visual fees, partial meal costs, publicity and printing

Annual Awards Banquet - Sponsor a Table
The Awards Banquet is a great time to meet, network, and celebrate a successful year. We congratulate our scholarship recipients, thank our corporate sponsors, distribute section awards, and award the Golden Family and Collegiate Sections awards.
Date: June
Sponsorship: \$600
Underwrite: Attendance of up to 8 representatives from sponsoring organizations at the table

SWE-CRS Year-End Celebration
This special evening features networking, appetizers, cash bar, and end-of-year recognitions.
Date: May/June
Sponsorship: \$800
Underwrite: Restaurant fees, food costs for 30-50 attendees



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Professional Development

Professional Development Conference Platinum
SWE-CRS plans a one-day professional development conference for approximately 50-100 people. Platinum Sponsors are invited to provide the opening keynote. The organization's name and logo published in the conference printed materials. In addition, registration for three (3) employees from the sponsoring organization is included.
Date: Spring or Fall
Sponsorship: \$4500
Underwrite: Speaker, facility and audio/visual fees, food and beverages for the all-day event

Professional Development Conference Gold/Silver
SWE-CRS plans a one-day professional development conference for approximately 50-100 people. Gold/Silver Sponsors are recognized during the conference. The organization's name and logo published in the conference printed materials. In addition, registration for one (1) employee from the sponsoring organization is included.
Date: Spring or Fall
Sponsorship: \$500-3,000
Underwrite: Partial costs for the conference including: Publicity, Audio/visual, Conference printed materials, Mailing, Speakers, Centerpieces, Prizes/giveaways

Professional Development Event
Sponsor a professional development ½ day conference with SWE-CRS professional members. Sponsorship applies toward providing a meeting location, as well as purchasing food and refreshments at the meeting.
Date: Throughout the year
Sponsorship: \$600
Underwrite: Partial costs for facility and audio/visual fees, food and beverages

Programs

Facility Tour
Sponsor a tour for SWE professional members. Time is provided during the tour to introduce and promote the sponsoring organization. Tour sponsor responsible for providing SWE-CRS with any security, minimum age, or apparel requirements for advertisement.
Date: Throughout the year
Sponsorship: \$400
Underwrite: Costs for facility tour and if applicable, audio/visual fees, refreshments



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Awards and Student Scholarships

Student Scholarships
SWE-CRS awards approximately five (5) scholarships to high school senior women who will be studying engineering or computer science in college. The scholarships are awarded at SWE-CRS' Annual Awards Banquet by representatives from sponsoring organizations. Sponsoring organizations receive up to three (3) tickets to the Awards Banquet.
Date: June
Sponsorship: \$1500
Underwrite: One (1) \$1500 scholarship per student

SWE-CRS Awards		
Awards presented at the Annual Awards Banquet in June of each year.		Donation
Best Collegiate Section Award	Monetary awards for best large and small collegiate sections.	\$1500
Best Collegiate Section Website Award	Monetary awards for best websites for large and small collegiate sections	\$500
Golden Family Award	Recognition of organization that best supports families in the workplace (funding provides 2 dinner tickets for winning organization)	\$300

Organizations sponsoring an award receive the following:

1. Two (2) free tickets to the Awards Banquet.
2. Organization representative has option to present the award to the recipient at the Awards Banquet.
3. Organization recognition in the Award Banquet program.

Outreach

K-12 Student Activities
SWE-CRS outreach events are a great opportunity to involve your company's engineers in fun and interactive activities. Events are designed for students from K-12 to increase awareness of different engineering fields and encourage them to consider technical careers.
Date: Throughout the year
Sponsorship: \$300
Underwrite: Facility fees; supplies; advertising; and any prizes/giveaways