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Next Engineers Scholarship Program Eligibility: Appeal Process

Overview

Next Engineers scholarships are provided to students who wish to continue their education to prepare for a career in engineering. Our [Engineering Academy Scholarship Eligibility policy](#) describes the type of post-secondary education programs towards which scholarships may be applied.

This document describes the process by which students may appeal to receive scholarships for post-secondary education programs not included in our Engineering Academy Scholarship Eligibility policy. The Next Engineers team recognizes that many education programs can lead to an engineering career, including education programs without a clear and obvious link to engineering.

Process for Appeal

If a student is (a) notified by the Next Engineers Scholarship Team or Community Partner that their program is not automatically eligible to receive a Next Engineers Scholarship, but (b) believes that the program should be considered eligible:

1. The student may submit a written justification (maximum 300 words) explaining how the program meets the required criteria detailed in the next section. The statement must be submitted by email to NEscholarships@fhi360.org or [through the Program Justification form](#).
2. The Next Engineers Scholarship Team will then review the justification based on the criteria below. The Review Committee may request additional information from the student.
3. The student will be notified of the approval or rejection of their program for a Next Engineers Scholarship within 3 weeks.

Criteria for Approval

To appeal, the written justification submitted by the student must demonstrate:

- **Intentionality.** Student should communicate a well-defined intention to pursue a career in engineering and explain how the selected program leads to employment in one of the specified engineering fields listed in the [Engineering Academy Scholarship Eligibility policy](#).
- **Relevant Education and Skills Development.** The student should clearly explain (a) how specific courses within the program will develop the knowledge and skills required for the student's chosen engineering discipline, and (b) how the program leads to the credentials (e.g., certifications, diplomas, and/or degrees) required to enter the student's intended engineering profession.
- **Viable Pathway.** The student must clearly outline a logical and feasible educational pathway from secondary school through postsecondary education and into the workforce, including any anticipated programs required along the way. For a template of an educational pathway, the student may use the [Next Engineers' Career Pathways Diagram](#).
 - **Note:** If the desired education program offers a direct path towards an engineering career, a less direct path will not be considered for a scholarship. For instance, a student intending to become an architectural engineer should not plan to complete a bachelor's degree in architecture followed by a master's degree in architectural engineering if a bachelor's program in architectural engineering is available at their intended school.

For Johannesburg-based students, the program must lead to a NQF-level 6 degree or higher in accordance with [Engineering Academy Scholarship Eligibility policy](#).

