



April 29, 2023

Dear Lake County Chapter, ISPE Member,

Each year, since 1982, the Lake County Chapter of ISPE has selected one or two Senior High School students from our chapter boundaries, which include Lake County and McHenry County, to receive a Melvin E. Luke Scholarship. It is given to outstanding graduates who will attend an ABET-EAC accredited college or university to study engineering.

Funds for the scholarships have come from endowments to the fund, from individuals and companies, and from yearly contributions from Chapter revenues. This year we did not earn any income from the fund. We actually lost a small amount of money. Due to the interest rate increases in the bond fund, the value of the bonds decreased in value. We need to raise the entire \$500 cost for the scholarship from contributions in order to award the scholarship this year.

If you, or your company, can donate \$25, \$50 or more to the scholarship fund, please send a check made out to the Illinois Engineering Initiative with Melvin E. Luke Scholarship Fund noted in remarks. Your donation is income tax deductible because it is given to the not-for-profit Illinois Engineering Initiative who maintains a separate account for our scholarship. Please include the submittal forms if your company has a matching funds program for charitable donations which could double the amount of your donation to the scholarship fund. Please send your contribution to:

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Thank you for your help.

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