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Director of Student Guidance:

The Lake County Chapter of the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers awards the Melvin E. Luke Scholarship to a senior high school student, graduating from a Lake County or McHenry County High School, who will be entering an engineering program at an ABET-EAC accredited college or university. This award is named for Melvin E. Luke, President of the Lake County Chapter in 1967, who was an active member at both chapter and state levels. He served on the State Board of Directors, being particularly active in the areas of professional development, registration and scholarship. At the time of his death in 1981, he was Assistant Lake County Superintendent of Highways and Chairman of the State of Illinois Professional Engineering Examining Board. The award was presented for the first time in April of 1982. Our web site is www.lc-ispe.org.

Our chapter executive board determines the amount of the scholarship. Last year we awarded one \$500 scholarship to Caleb Rezmer, who graduated from McHenry Community High School, McHenry, IL, who is now attending the Iowa State University, Ames, IA for Electrical Engineering and one \$500 scholarship to Ashlee Shoemaker, who graduated from Vernon Hills High School, Vernon Hills, IL, who is now attending the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, IL for Mechanical Engineering. The award is given to the college or university in the name of the attending student to be applied to their freshman year fees.

Applicants should use the Fillable PDF form found on our web site www.lc-ispe.org and mailed or e-mailed to George Capaul with a copy to Benjamin Metzler. Official transcripts may also be mailed within a sealed envelope with your application or e-mailed separately from the application form directly to us from your high school. Our chapter executive board will review the applications received and make the award.

All complete applications and official transcripts mailed or e-mailed to our attention at the address or e-mail indicated on the application form and received by April 1 of the current year will be considered.

All engineering students attending an ABET-EAC accredited college or university are eligible to join the ISPE and NSPE at no cost. Visit the web site of the National Society of Professional Engineers Headquarters in Washington, D.C. at <http://www.nspe.org>, and click on "Join Now". You will then be given the opportunity to join the NSPE and the ISPE as a student. Also visit the Illinois Society of Professional Engineers web site at <http://www.illinoisengineer.com>. Both of the web sites provide information on their available scholarships, employment opportunities and information on the different types of engineering careers in demand today. If a high school student participated in MathCounts in middle school, they are also eligible to apply for the MathCounts Alumni Scholarship by March 1st, at <http://mathcounts.org/mathcounts-alumni-scholarship>.

Please inform your students who are interested in a career in engineering of this scholarship opportunity.

Thank you,

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