

AES Educational Foundation 2025 Scholarships Open



The Audio Engineering Society, celebrating over 75 years of audio innovation and education, has announced details on this year's AES Educational Foundation scholarships and grants. Applications for the annual AESEF Graduate Studies Grants and Mary Lea Simpson Memorial Scholarship for undergraduate studies are open to AES Student Members through May 15, 2025.

Since its establishment in 1984, the Foundation has awarded grants for graduate studies to hundreds of exceptional applicants, many of whom have gone on to prominent and successful careers in the audio engineering industry.

- Graduate Studies Scholarships: Grants, including the named Scholarships, are awarded annually for exemplary students dedicated to the art and science of audio engineering. The AESEF Scholarship Committee selects the recipients of the memorial scholarships based on which student best meets the criteria for each named scholarship.
- Genelec Mike Chafee Audio Pioneering Scholarship: This scholarship

encourages passionate and outstanding women to continue their audio education while paying tribute to noted long-time Genelec manufacturer's representative, audiophile, sound designer, acoustician, audio evangelist and supporter of women in audio, Michael Chafee. Chafee had been involved with Genelec since 1996 and is credited with being an early pioneer and key influencer in promoting the concept of Active Monitoring technology to the market.

- **The John Eargle Award:** This award honors AES Past-President and Fellow, John Eargle, who authored several seminal textbooks on audio, as well as engineering more than 250 albums, and was posthumously awarded a Technical GRAMMY Award in 2008. The scholarship is given annually to a student who excels in both technology and music.
Nancy Flannery Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship, sponsored by WSDG, an international company specialized in architectural acoustic consulting and media system engineering, has been established for women pursuing advancements and studies in architectural acoustics.
- **L-Acoustics Dr. Christian Heil Future of Sound Scholarship:** This scholarship awards recipients who demonstrate curiosity and dedication to shaping the future of sound, including approaches that may question conventions or call upon bodies of scientific knowledge outside of the realm of audio. Students having pursued an undergraduate course of study in an area other than audio are encouraged to apply in the interest of enriching cross-disciplinary thinking and exchanges to further the state of the art.
Garry Margolis Scholarship: This scholarship has been established in honor of Garry Margolis, who passed in December 2022. Garry was a Life Fellow of the Audio Engineering Society, served as AES President and Treasurer, and was a member of the AES Board of Governors for many years. He was awarded the AES Distinguished Service Medal Award in 2019. Professionally, Garry worked for several leading audio companies in marketing, sales and as a technologist and consultant in the areas of audio, video and digital cinema.
- **Genelec Dr. Ilpo Martikainen Audio Visionary Scholarship:** Coinciding with its 40th anniversary in 2018, Genelec announced the creation of a scholarship honoring its innovative and entrepreneurial founder. The Genelec Dr. Ilpo Martikainen Audio Visionary Scholarship is offered annually to U.S. graduate students in the field of audio engineering who are members of the Audio Engineering Society and have a passion for advancing audio through innovation and technology development.
The Emil Torick Award: This scholarship, awarded annually to an outstanding student with exceptional career goals, honors the former long-term AES Foundation President and founding member, Emil Torick. Torick held 16 patents and authored more than 60 technical publications. He served on the National Radio Systems Committee and was a member of the U.S. delegation to the International Radio Consultative Committee in Geneva.

Undergraduate Studies Scholarship:

- The Mary Lea Simpson Memorial Scholarship: This scholarship covering full tuition for final year of studies is being offered to an undergraduate student entering senior year at a North American college or university Audio Engineering/Recording Arts Program. The scholarship honors Mary Lea Simpson, who was a graduate of the Audio Production Program at New England Institute of Art.

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