What is SWE?

The Society of Women Engineers (SWE) is a not-for-profit educational and service organization that empowers women to succeed and advance in the field of engineering, and to be recognized for their life-changing contributions as engineers and leaders. Founded in 1950, SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career for women through an exciting array of training and development programs, networking opportunities, scholarships, outreach and advocacy activities, and much more. SWE has nearly 30,000 members worldwide!

How to Join:

1. Go to swe.org
2. Click Join on the Membership Tab
3. Create an account and profile
4. Choose the membership relevant to you
5. Make sure to add RMS SWE
6. You are now a member of the Society of Women Engineers and RMS SWE!

SWE members say:

The social events and networking opportunities are a great way to expand my horizons and get new points of view from outside my career 'bubble'. – Andrea

I wasn't involved in SWE in college, so I had never understood the value of having a strong women's support group until I moved to the Rocky Mountain Section. Knowing I have strong women to turn to if I need help in a difficult work situation is very valuable. RMS has so many different ways of connecting - professional development, outreach to young girls, and mentoring opportunities - that I can tailor my involvement to align with the interests/seasons of my life. – Heather

SWE is a group of women dedicated not only to helping each other become the best they can be but are also paying it forward with our STEM outreach events for students. – Lisa

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What we do

Professional Development:
Rocky Mountain SWE hosts a variety of professional development events. We partner with a variety of local engineering and women’s groups to learn about technical topics and soft skills development.

Collective Wisdom Groups:
The program brings together members in similar stages of their career, providing peer support. Each group will have a guide, a SWE professional with a wealth of experience and perspectives. Past participants report being able to overcome obstacles and reach new heights in their career with the group support.

WE Local 2019
In March 2019, Denver will be hosting a WE Local conference. We are excited to meet with SWEsters from around the country to network, grow through professional development events, and participate in outreach.

Networking/Social:
• Support local collegiate sections (CU, DU, CSU, Mines, UW)
• Lightening talks by members
• Member hosted socials in Boulder, Fort Collins, and Denver
• Fall Picnic
• Winter Cookie Exchange
• Paint and Sip nights

About our section:
• Over 350 members! We are one of the largest SWE sections.
• We span all industries: mechanical, aerospace, management, chemical, electrical, and more!

Society Benefits:
• SWE Magazine
• Access to free webinars (earn CEUs/PDH)
• Discounts on Annual conferences

Outreach
GESTEM
Girls Exploring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math is an annual event for 7th grade girls. In 2018, we partnered with local engineering firms to introduce over 1200 girls to engineering through a variety of speakers and hands-on activities.

Scholarships
We support our local collegiate by offering scholarships for freshmen and continuing students.

Essay Contest
We host an annual essay contest for 6th graders (boys and girls). In 2018, students researched and wrote about women scientists throughout history!