

# The Society of Women Engineers

*The Society of Women Engineers (SWE), founded in 1950, is a non-profit educational and service organization. SWE is the driving force that establishes engineering as a highly desirable career aspiration for women. It consists of women and men who are graduate engineers as well as those with equivalent engineering experience and/or those interested in supporting SWE's mission. SWE empowers women to succeed and advance in those aspirations and be recognized for their life changing contributions and achievements as engineers and leaders.*

## **SWE's Mission:**

- *Stimulates women to achieve full potential in careers as engineers and leaders*
- *Expands the image of the engineering profession as a positive force in improving the quality of life*
- *Demonstrates the value of diversity*

## **SWE's Objectives:**

- *Encourage women engineers to attain high levels of education and professional achievement.*
- *Inform young women, their parents, counselors, and the general public, of the qualifications and achievements of women engineers and the opportunities open to them.*
- *Assist women engineers in readying themselves for a return to active work after temporary retirement.*
- *Serve as a center of information on women in engineering.*

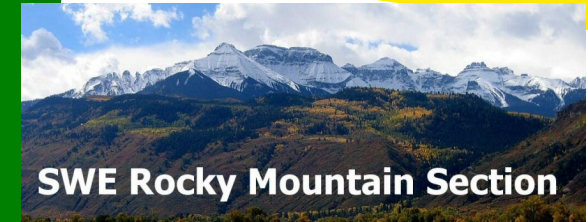


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## **SWE-RMS**

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**Membership  
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## Who is SWE-RMS?

Our section is composed of current and retired engineers as well as supporters of women in STEM fields. Our membership is not exclusively female, nor exclusively engineers. The goal of SWE-RMS is to bring the SWE society goals and resources to the local level.

## Benefits of Membership

SWE can provide benefits to your personal growth, career development, as well as allowing you opportunities to give back to your community. Some of the benefits you may find in SWE are:

- Networking
- Professional Development
- Enhance your Leadership Skills
- Community Outreach
- Opportunities for Career and Community Service Recognition
- Reduced Pricing for Conference Attendance, as well as Free Webinars
- Access to SWE's Career Center
- Fun & Lasting Friendships

## How Do I Join?

**Join SWE today at [www.swe.org/membership!](http://www.swe.org/membership)** Society members who live in Northern Colorado from Monument to the WY border plus Cheyenne & Laramie are members of the Rocky Mountain Section. Zip Codes 80800 -81599 are covered by the Pike's Peak Section.

### Mini Conference Highlight

"The part I enjoyed most about the day was that each workshop was helpful and applicable to my current life. I have real actions that I'm taking away to implement in my life starting today." –SWE-RMS member and mini conference attendee

## Outreach



Our premier outreach event, GESTEM, hosts hundreds of middle school girls for a day of hands-on workshops and personal interaction with local engineers and STEM role models. The 2012 event was a wonderful success, reaching over 1000 students! **Join our email list to get info on GESTEM 2014 or email [swe.gestem@gmail.com!](mailto:swe.gestem@gmail.com)**

Additionally, SWE-RMS has partnered with several local STEM organizations to provide programs, volunteers and resources for local elementary through high school students. These partners include:

- Girl Scouts of America
- FIRST Robotics
- Colorado MESA

**Essay Contest:** Each year SWE-RMS runs an essay contest for 6th grade girls and boys to introduce them to engineering topics. Top prize is a \$500 US Savings Bond!

**Girls Lead the Way:** In February 2013, SWE-RMS hosted the first annual Girls Lead the Way Conference for high school girls! This camp focused on encouraging high school girls to consider STEM careers by providing leadership tools and personal interaction with local STEM women. Look for next years' event in February 2014!

**Collegiate Involvement Program:** This year we are launching a new program to support our local collegiate SWE members.

## Professional Development

- **Collective Wisdom Groups**  
*Groups of five or six members with similar goals who support and challenge each other on weekly calls. **Winner of Society 2011 Professional Program Development Award***
- **Fall Mini Conference**  
*Our third annual SWE-RMS mini conference will be held in September 2013. Look for more details on our website: [www.swermsprograms.com](http://www.swermsprograms.com)*
- **New Member Events**  
*Past events include wine and chocolate tasting and holiday parties. New events like Rockies games and Zoo Lights are being planned.*
- **Webinars**  
*Online presentations on a variety of topics like how to leverage social networking, communications skills, and many others*
- **In-person meetings**  
*Speakers on a variety of subjects including organization and communication skills*

## Other Section Programs

- **Annual Awards Banquet**  
*Recognition of our scholarship, essay contest and section awards winners each spring*
- **Scholarships**  
*SWE-RMS awards six scholarships each year to incoming freshmen and upperclassmen from the section in support of collegiate engineers*
- **Monthly Networking Nights**  
*Tech Center, Downtown Denver, North Metro, Fort Collins*
- **Certificates of Merit**  
*SWE-RMS provides certificates to the top female students in math & science classes at local high schools each year.*