



Support the SPIE Scholarship Matching Program

SPIE, a non-profit educational organization, offers a donation matching program to support initiatives that align with its mission to advance optics and photonics. Your contributions can have a significant impact on the future of light-based research and technologies.

Why Donate?

- **Amplify Your Impact:** SPIE matches your donation.
- **Tax Benefits:** As a registered 501(c) 3 organization, your donations may be tax-deductible.

Program Criteria

1. Start with a minimum of \$25,000 USD to qualify.
2. Align with SPIE's mission to advance light-based research and technologies.
3. Serve the needs of the optics and photonics community.
4. Include SPIE in the scholarship name or acknowledge SPIE as a co-sponsor in all promotions.
5. Ensure all funds are collected before qualifying for matching support.
6. Comply with US IRS regulations.

Funding Types

- **Temporarily Restricted Funds:** For donations under \$100,000 USD.
- **Permanently Restricted Endowed Funds:** For donations over \$100,000 USD, subject to board approval.

Scholarship Program Types

1. **SPIE Managed Scholarship Programs**
 - SPIE handles funds, promotion, selection, and award process.
 - The Scholarship Committee reviews applications and selects recipients, approved by the SPIE President and CEO.
 - A minimum annual amount of \$5,000 USD is distributed over several years.
 - Travel expenses for recipients are not included.

2. Co-Managed Scholarship Programs

- SPIE manages funds and promotion; donors manage the selection process.
- Sponsors review applications and make initial selections, with SPIE providing final approval.
- A minimum annual amount of \$5,000 USD is distributed over several years.
- Travel expenses for recipients are not included.

3. External Third-Party Managed Scholarship Programs

- Third-party manages funds, promotion, selection, and award process.
- SPIE matches funds if they are paid to a registered non-profit, and do not benefit the donor or their family.
- Third-party must have the administrative structure to manage endowments. SPIE must agree to the administrative rate if required by donor.

Get Involved To learn more or to make a donation, please email SPIE at scholarships@spie.org. Your support can help shape the future of optics and photonics.