ECE Merit Scholarship Program

A varying number of Merit Scholarships totaling up to $15k are available each year to students majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering. These competitive awards recognize students who both academically excel and who have substantively contributed to the department and profession over the past academic year. Applications are due on April 1 of each year, are evaluated by the ECE faculty, and the awards are announced by 15 May.

The money for these scholarships derive from:
- The Michael David Shealy 1970 Scholarship for Electrical and Computer Engineering for Merit
- The Electrical and Computer Engineering Alumni Merit Scholarship Fund

Eligibility
- A rising 3rd, 2nd, or 1st classman (i.e. a current 4th, 3rd, or 2nd classman)
- Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0
- Minimum in-major GPA of 3.0

Applications
- Statement of the applicant's current cumulative GPA and current in-major GPA
- Statement addressing the applicant's service to the VMI ECE Department and contribution to the ECE profession
- Limited to 1 page
- Due to COL Squire by 1 April of each year
- Will be evaluated by the ECE faculty
- These are competitive awards. Applications that do not follow all of above instructions will not be considered.

Awards
- The number and amount of awards varies each year depending on many factors including the quality of applications, the number of applications, and the amount of award donations received.
- Previous awardees may reapply in following years. Having received this award in the past makes it neither more nor less likely to receive it again. Preference is given to cadets not currently receiving scholarship/award money.
- Recipients will be announced in mid-May of each year.