Preliminary Information Page:

Background:
The Nathaniel Gebreyes Service Scholarship was established by the SEC in 2001 to honor the ideals of service that Nathaniel represented throughout his life. Nathaniel was a 1985 graduate of the Industrial Engineering and Operational Research Department (now Industrial and Systems Engineering) at Virginia Tech. Prior to enrollment at Virginia Tech, he immigrated to the United States from Ethiopia, after walking to Sudan due to the political unrest within the country. He attended Stonewall Jackson High School. Nathaniel was only weeks away from beginning graduate study at the University of Virginia in 1988 when he was killed by a drunk driver.

The Nathaniel Gebreyes Service Scholarship is awarded annually to 2 rising juniors or seniors who have portrayed outstanding service principles to the university and the community. The scholarship will be awarded at the Engineer’s Ball held February 26th, 2022.

Criteria for Eligibility:
1. The applicant must be at least an academic sophomore in the College of Engineering (45 hours passed by the end of Fall 2021) with a minimum of two semesters before graduation.
2. The applicant must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5.
3. The applicant may only apply for this scholarship twice during his/her academic career.
4. The applicant must be able to attend the Engineers’ Ball on February 26th, 2022.

Application and Selection Process:
1. The application consists of four parts: general information, essay, resume, and one letter of recommendation related to service activities.
2. All applications must be submitted online through this link. The applicant will receive a confirmation email once the entire application is received and complete from the Awards and Scholarships Chair, Skye Taylor (skyesolace@vt.edu).
3. Recommendations must be submitted through this link by the recommender.
4. Applications will be reviewed by the SEC Awards and Scholarships Committee. Finalists will be chosen and contacted to schedule an interview.

The essay portion of this application should be between 750-1000 words. The prompt is as follows.

Nathaniel Gebreyes is remembered for upholding Virginia Tech's motto, "That I may serve". Describe how you have attempted to represent Virginia Tech and "Ut Prosim" through service and explain an experience that made you recognize the importance of helping your community.

This application may only be submitted once. The application deadline is Friday, February 11th, 2022, at 11:59 PM. Upon completing your application, all submissions will be available for review by request.

If you have any questions concerning the application, please contact the Awards and Scholarships Chair, Skye Taylor (skyesolace@vt.edu).