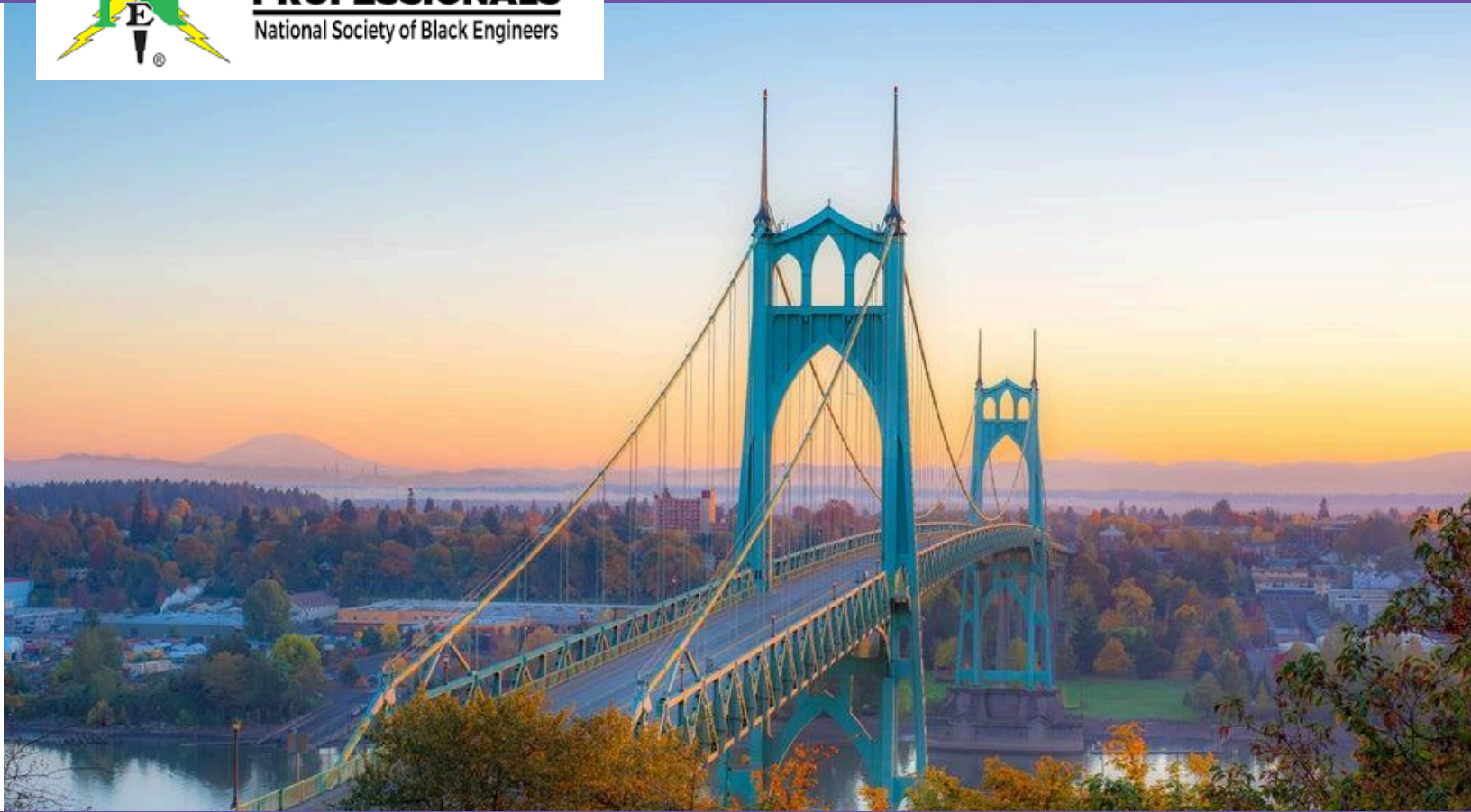




NSBE
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National Society of Black Engineers



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NATIONAL BACKGROUND

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE), with more than 17,000 members, is one of the largest student-governed organizations based in the United States. NSBE comprises more than 500 chapters for its collegiate, professional and pre-collegiate members in the United States, Africa, Canada and the Caribbean.

NSBE had its genesis in April 1975 on the campus of Purdue University. Its founders were six highly motivated African-American engineering students (Edward A. Coleman, Anthony Harris, Brian Harris, Stanley L. Kirtley, John W. Logan Jr. and George A. Smith) and their faculty advisor, Arthur J. Bond, Ph.D. In 1976, NSBE was incorporated under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as a nonprofit organization in the State of Texas. NSBE is the world's premier organization supporting Black Engineers. It is led by a National Executive Board consisting of students pursuing degrees in the STEM fields at the undergraduate and graduate levels. It is also supported by a full-time professional staff at our World Headquarters facility in Alexandria, Va.

NSBE's mission is "to increase the number of culturally responsible Black Engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally and positively impact the community."

THE PORTLAND PROFESSIONALS CHAPTER (NSBE PRO-PDX)

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Portland Professionals is dedicated to advancing the mission of increasing the number of culturally responsible Black engineers who excel academically, succeed professionally, and positively impact the community. We provide access to a wide range of programs and resources, including scholarships for aspiring STEM students, internship opportunities that connect high school and college students with engineering career pathway exposure, our annual Youth Infrastructure Fair, and community-based initiatives like our Little Free Library program. In addition, we host networking mixers, professional development workshops, and community engagement activities that strengthen our diverse network of engineers and STEM professionals.

NSBE's impact begins well before students enter the workforce. Through the Pre-College Initiative (PCI), NSBE inspires middle and high school students to pursue STEM by offering mentoring, workshops, and exposure to engineering careers. Locally, NSBE Portland supports youth with hands-on STEM activities, scholarship opportunities, and internships that help build a strong foundation early engineering career pathways. At the collegiate level, NSBE chapters across the country—including those at Oregon and regional universities—provide Black engineering students with leadership training, peer support, and pathways for professional opportunities. Together, the pre-collegiate and collegiate programs create a seamless pipeline that ensures the next generation of Black engineers is prepared to excel academically and contribute meaningfully to their communities.

SUPPORTERS AND PARTNERS

NSBE Portland Professionals is a 100% volunteer-led organization, and every dollar of support goes directly into delivering high-quality programming for our community. Sponsorships make it possible for us to provide scholarships, internships, and youth workshops, as well as host impactful events. By partnering with us, sponsors help sustain programs that not only inspire and prepare the next generation of diverse engineers but also support our local professionals in finding community - helping to retain diverse talent in the Pacific Northwest. Your investment ensures that we can continue to deliver meaningful and accessible opportunities for students and professionals across Oregon. Sponsors also gain access to a diverse network of talented engineers and technical professionals, supporting both recruitment efforts and broader ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) goals.

PORTLAND CHAPTER EVENT & SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING MIXERS

Our quarterly networking mixers create a welcoming space for our network to build community and meaningful connections. Each mixer brings together professionals, collegiate members, and recruiters, while also highlighting opportunities to engage in upcoming volunteer initiatives. Beyond general sponsorship dollars, sponsors are invited to play a key role by hosting mixers at their offices or venues, supporting with catering, or hosting technical presentations - making these events a true partnership between industry and community. Events also include holistic topics like mental health, financial wellness, technical topics, licensure, and other informational topics.

ANNUAL YOUTH INFRASTRUCTURE FAIR

Our annual Youth Infrastructure Fair (February during National Engineers Week) aims to share the infrastructure that makes a city thrive: water, electricity, transportation, architecture, and more through engaging, hands-on stations and activities. Youth receive an “infrastructure passport” to earn prizes and raffles. Additional event features include free lunch, prizes, raffles, and meaningful interaction with industry professionals. This large community event brings over 50 industry professionals, 200+ attendees, and is supported by local government, Portland Public Schools, and numerous community/industry partners.

ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

NSBE Portland Professionals is committed to building the pipeline of future Black engineers by reducing financial barriers to higher education. Each year, through our Scholarship Program, we award funding to local high school seniors and college students pursuing degrees in STEM fields. These scholarships recognize students who live our mission: academic achievement, leadership, and community involvement. Sponsorships who donate directly to our scholarship program are included in our scholarship announcements and are invited to participate in our scholarship application review. Since 2021, we have awarded over \$30K in scholarships.

HIGH SCHOOL INTERNSHIPS AND JOB SHADOWS

NSBE Portland Professionals connects students with internship and externship job shadow opportunities that provide valuable early career exposure to engineering. By partnering with local firms and agencies, we place high school students in internships where they develop professional skills, receive mentorship, and gain exposure to the engineering workforce. With sponsorship support, NSBE Portland expands access to paid placements, ensuring students can pursue these opportunities without financial barriers.

DIVERSE STEM LITTLE FREE LIBRARIES

Our Little Free Library Program brings representation and STEM inspiration directly into local neighborhoods. These charming, accessible installations feature books that center Black and STEM narratives and help youth envision careers in engineering. NSBE Portland engages youth through partnerships with community organizations, teaching construction skills, teamwork, and power tool safety while building libraries. We currently have seven little free libraries, all chartered and mapped under the Little Free Library’s “Read in Color” initiative. NSBE dedicates a small portion of funding to purchase diverse books and maintenance materials for our libraries. We continue to partner with organizations to bring library builds when our capacity allows.

SUPPORTING COMMUNITY

We are committed to showing up for the broader community and building meaningful partnerships. In addition to our signature programming, we annually table / support events like the Black Student Success Summit, the Silicon Forest Tech Summit, and other community-led gatherings that celebrate diversity and STEM education. By collaborating with schools, nonprofits, and industry partners, we extend our reach beyond our own membership to ensure that students and professionals of color see representation, access valuable resources, and feel supported in their journey. These partnerships strengthen Portland’s STEM ecosystem and affirm NSBE’s role as a connector across education, industry, and community.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Sponsoring NSBE Portland Professionals provides organizations with unique opportunities to engage with a talented and diverse network of Black engineers, STEM students, and community leaders. Sponsors gain visibility through recognition at events while also demonstrating a commitment to equity, education, and workforce development. Beyond branding, sponsorship offers direct connections for recruitment, mentorship, and employee engagement, helping partners meet their ESG and DEI goals. By supporting our 100% volunteer-led chapter, sponsors play a vital role in sustaining high-quality programming that inspires the next generation, strengthens Portland's STEM pipeline, and builds lasting community impact.

- All sponsors receive recognition on the NSBE Portland website.
- Sponsors can recommend events they wish to host with our Chapter. Some sponsored events have become annual events like our 'Sustainable Careers in Engineering' Event with Energy Trust of Oregon.
- Event or scholarship sponsors receive logo recognition on announcements, event marketing, and outreach materials.
- All sponsors receive access to share job postings and outreach materials in our monthly newsletter.



GOLD PARTNER \ \ > \$5,000

- ◇ Funds full programs like our Little Free Library, Job Shadow Program, or 4-5 Mixers **OR**
- ◇ Funds more than two (2) Scholarships **OR**
- ◇ Funds more than two (2) High School Internships **OR**
- ◇ Title Sponsor to Annual Youth Infrastructure Fair **OR**
- ◇ Recognition on the Portland NSBE Professionals Social Media Platforms with Dedicated Post



SILVER PARTNER \ \ Up to \$5,000

- ◇ Funds full programs like our Little Free Library, Job Shadow Program, or 2-3 Mixers **OR**
- ◇ Funds two (2) Scholarships **OR**
- ◇ Funds two (2) High School Internships **OR**
- ◇ Title Sponsor to Annual Youth Infrastructure Fair



BRONZE PARTNER \ \ Up to \$3,000

- ◇ Funds Little Free Library books, maintenance, and community build **OR**
- ◇ Funds a single scholarship or high school internship **OR**
- ◇ Listed Sponsor to Annual Youth Infrastructure Fair