

Student Chapters in Environmental Engineering

2026 Educational Leaders Webinar

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AAEES • Students • Community





A chapter gives students a place to belong

AAEES connects that local community to a national profession.





A growing network in
the United States and
around the world

About 50

recognized student chapters



Campus community

National connection

Professional identity



A chapter can start small

3 or 4 student officers

1 faculty advisor

Campus recognition

AAEES could provide letters of support for a chapter's application to their school's organization

aaees.org/studentchapterslist





Every student can join

A local chapter is helpful, but it is not required.

Student membership is **FREE**, and includes:

- A complimentary subscription to Environmental Engineer and Scientist
- Discounts on publications
- Networking opportunities
- Free monthly webinars

aaees.org/studentmember

The student journey

AAEES creates several ways to participate



1

Join



2

Learn



3

Connect



4

Lead

What students gain



Technical learning



Service and leadership



Career connections

Blue Marble Award

Recognition for active and thriving student chapters



**Applications due
February 1, 2027**

Awarded in April at the
Academy Convocation
and Celebration of
Excellence.

Recent awardees

University of Miami

Universidad Central
del Ecuador

Bucknell University

<https://www.aees.org/bluemarbleaward>

Webinars bring current issues into the classroom

Watch together at a chapter meeting.

Use presentations in coursework.

Return to the archive throughout the year.





Career readiness grows through conversation

The AAEES Career Networking Fairs connects students directly with environmental employers.

Prepare • Meet • Follow up



From student member to professional member



1

**Student
Member**



2

Graduate



3

**First Year Free
Membership**



4

**Stay
Involved**

Starting a student chapter



1



2



3



4

Find Students

Form a core group. Existing clubs can share officers and volunteers.

Choose an Advisor

Invite a faculty member who can guide the chapter and campus approval.

Gain Recognition

Follow student organization rules (bylaws/constitution). Recognition may unlock campus funding.

Submit Application

AAEES can provide an endorsement letter and help complete the process.

Students and Young Professionals Committee

People ready to help students and chapters



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Tau Chi Alpha



The Environmental Engineering
Honor Society

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Tau Chi Alpha Chapter network



Honor Recognition



Lifetime Membership



M.TXA credential

Tau Chi Alpha membership



1

Establish Chapter

Appointment of
Faculty Advisor



2

Student Nomination

By Faculty Advisor



3

Academic Record

GPA $\geq$ 3.5 undergraduate
GPA $\geq$ 3.8 graduate



4

Recognition

Local, national and
international



5

Lifetime Connection

TXA and AAES



Bring TXA to your institution



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Start the conversation



Questions!

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