



McMASTER ENGINEERING SOCIETY

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MES Membership

MES members: Individuals who have paid their MES fee (either through MOSAIC or through the MES)

Non-members: Individuals who have not yet paid their MES fee

There is major change and restructuring happening in the McMaster Engineering Society (MES) this year in response to the Student Choice Initiative. The removal of guaranteed MES membership to all Faculty of Engineering undergraduate students and a likely reduction of funding have forced us to re-evaluate the distinction between MES members and non-members. There are many benefits we have offered our undergraduate students throughout the years as an organization, and this year we had to make tough decisions in keeping the balance between fairness to paying members and our commitment to representing the entire Faculty of Engineering undergraduate student body. We wish to continue to provide as many resources, as much advocacy, and as many potential events to all Faculty of Engineering students as we are able to without sacrificing our existence or the value of said resources and events.

Our President, Vice Presidents, and Associate Vice Presidents have arrived at the following categorical distinctions between MES members and non-members:

MES Council

- During campaigning for any of MES President, Executive, AVP, Department representative, or appointed position, the candidate is not required to be an MES member, however once elected they must be a registered member while in office.
- Members on all MES committees are not required to be MES members, however they are strongly encouraged to be members.
- Every undergraduate student in the Faculty of Engineering is encouraged to attend both Semi-Annual General Meetings (SAGM) and will be counted as voting members during quorum.

Welcome Week

- Co-orientation coordinators and all welcome week committee members will have to be MES members for the length of their appointments.
- Any undergraduate student in the Faculty of Engineering can apply to be a Redsuit, but if selected, the student will have to become an MES member. It is however strongly recommended that applicants are members prior to applying.

Events

- Fireball, Kipling, and Pub Nights tickets will be sold at reduced costs for MES members, at a quantity of one ticket per MES member.
- Tickets will be available for early-purchase to MES members before being open to the general University student population. During this time only MES member tickets can be bought, no general admission tickets can be bought by MES members for other non-members.
- The extent of MES membership impact for Frost Week events will be left up to the discretion of the VP Student Life and AVP Events to review on a yearly basis.
- The extent of MES membership impact for The Event will be left up to the discretion of the organizers of the event.

Clubs & Teams

- Preference for funding will be allocated towards clubs/teams with a high percentage of MES members.
- Clubs/Teams with a high percentage of MES members will receive a bonus funding amount up to the discretion of the VP Finance.
- The percentage of MES members in a club/team will be considered for space allocation applications.

Benefits & Opportunities

- Only MES members or students representing an MES Club, Team, or Affiliate can make use of any rental services the MES provides, including but not limited to: radios, MES tent, trailer, water coolers, projector, video camera, and button maker.
- Only MES members will be considered for Drain volunteer positions.
- Bus monitors are not required to be MES members, however it is strongly encouraged that applicants and monitors are members.
- Only MES members will be reimbursed for their McMaster Engineering Competition (MEC) deposit after they attend MEC.

Conferences

- Only MES members have the potential to be selected as part of our delegation to closed conferences.
- Only MES members have the potential to receive reimbursement for any open conferences they attend.

Sports & Athletics

- MES members can play on a Ratboy team at no cost, while non-members will have to pay a fee determined by the Sports Coordinators.
- Only MES members will count towards an intramural teams' funding percentage required to get funded by the MES.

Miscellaneous

- Only MES members can be chosen as the winners of our free Prep101 Midterm/Final exam session raffles throughout the year.
- Only MES members or students representing an MES Club, Team, or Affiliate can be considered for Advanced Funding form submissions.
- Only MES members or students representing an MES Club, Team, or Affiliate can be considered for Merchandise Request Form submissions.
- Only MES members or students representing an MES Club, Team, or Affiliate can be considered for Special Project Funding submissions.

Despite these membership limitations, the MES will still keep its commitment to better the experience of all Faculty of Engineering undergraduate students by providing multiple services at no cost for all students. The following are not exclusive to MES members.

- **Booking and making use of Hatch rooms**
- **MES Card Stickers and their associated discounts**
- **Participation in any social event not mentioned above (Oktoberfest, Movember, etc.)**
- **Attending First Year Experiential Conference (FYEC)**
- **Applying to become a course lead or mentor**
- **Applications to the Image of an Engineer Award**
- **Booking the lockers on Hatch second floor**
- **Attending MES Professional Development events and services**

- **Attending Academic Flushes**
- **Participation in National Engineering Month (NEM) contests**
- **Participation in course evaluation contest raffles**