

**CANDIDATE ESSAY**

Consulting engineers are instrumental in shaping the physical world around us that many people take for granted. As a structural engineer whose work is concerned primarily with protecting human life, it is easy to become intimidated with the great responsibility that we, as engineers, undertake on a daily basis.

I am very proud to be a structural engineer who is making a measureable impact on our society. My diverse portfolio of design experience includes municipal infrastructure, educational facilities and heavy industrial projects across many sectors. I am the engineer of record for electrical substations which will provide electricity to power critical infrastructure, I have designed water treatment plants which will ensure fresh drinking water for northern communities for future generations and I have designed elementary schools to protect those most vulnerable. Additionally, my extensive industrial design experience in the retrofitting of existing structures requires unique and innovative solutions, which protect both public safety and valuable infrastructure.

My ongoing professional development has always been of utmost importance, taking high priority within my daily life. Most notably, I completed two-four month courses in contract administration with Construction Specifications Canada in 2015 and 2016, I obtained my Project Management Professional (PMP) designation in April 2017 and, I enrolled in my Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) at the University of Saskatchewan in September 2017. I am very proud to have completed three-quarters of my program with an 81% average while continuing my practice full time. Maintaining full time employment with KGS Group, while undertaking my Masters full time, has given me a new appreciation for time management, commitment and professionalism. My Masters will directly benefit my consulting career in engineering design. A future professional development goal of mine is to gain practical and formal management education. My business and management skills will be enhanced by participating in formal training in consulting management with the FIDIC Young Professionals Management Training Program (YPMTP).

Leadership, advocacy and volunteerism are important aspects in my life. I have been heavily involved with the development of young professionals for many years through the Canadian Society for Civil Engineering and the Association of Consulting Engineering Companies – Saskatchewan. I have written nine published articles with Canadian Civil Engineer (CIVIL) and the Association of Polish Engineers in Canada (APEiC). My articles have included important topics in our profession including Engineers Canada 30 by 30 initiative, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Calls to Action and the importance of professional development and networking for young professionals. I believe that consulting engineers have an incredible wealth of knowledge that should be utilized in public service. In 2018, I was appointed by Saskatoon City Council to the Public Library Board of Trustees and the Governance and Nominations Committee and currently, I am the youngest member of the board. My commitment to leadership and governance is exhibited in having obtained my Public Sector Governor (PSGov) designation and certificate with the Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy at the University of Regina in fall 2018. Additionally, I will obtain my certificate in Not-for-Profit Governance with the Institute of Corporate Directors and the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto in spring 2019. Currently, I serve on nine boards and committees and I am registered as a 2019 electoral candidate for both APEGS Council and the University of Saskatchewan Senate. I also volunteer with Canadian Blood Services, Habitat for Humanity and the Regina Multicultural Council.

Being selected for the Allen D. Williams Scholarship would be one of my greatest accomplishments to date and it would allow me to follow in the footsteps of the great leaders within KGS Group. This scholarship would assist me in pursuing the FIDIC YPMTP and in attending the FIDIC conference, which, would allow me to help lead my firm more effectively. Thank you for your consideration.



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**ACHIEVEMENTS,  
LEADERSHIP AND  
VOLUNTEER  
ACTIVITIES**

**Achievements**

- **RBC Foundation Scholarship, 2019**
- **ACEC-SK Young Professional Award, 2018**
- **APEGS Member Scholarship, 2018**
- **SGI Anniversary Scholarship, 2009**

**City of Saskatoon**

- **Member, Board of Trustees, Saskatoon Public Library Board**  
Appointed by City Council
- **Member, Governance and Nominations Committee, Saskatoon Public Library Board**

**Canadian Society for Civil Engineering (CSCE)**

- **Chair, National Young Professionals Committee**
- **Chair, Young Professional Engineer Award Selection Committee**
- **Secretary, South Saskatchewan Board**
- **Member, National History Committee**
- **Member, W. Gordon Plewes Award Selection Committee**
- **Contributing Author, Canadian Civil Engineer (CIVIL) Magazine**  
Author, "Why I Volunteer with a Committee", (August 2017)  
Author, "Commitment to Membership Growth", (October 2017)  
Author, "Year End Review", (December 2017)  
Author, "Young Professional Women in Engineering", (July 2018)  
Author, "Networking with Weak Links", (August 2018)  
Author, "Truth and Reconciliation: The Young Civil Engineer's Role", (December 2018)  
Author, "Setting Yourself Apart From The Crowd", (January 2019)  
Author, "Presidential Series: Past-President Susan Tighe", (June 2019)

**Association of Consulting Engineering Companies of Saskatchewan (ACEC-SK)**

- **Secretary, Young Professionals Group**

**Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of Saskatchewan (APEGS)**

- **Member, Connection and Involvement Committee**

**Canadian Blood Services**

- **Blood Donor**  
20-time donor

**Habitat for Humanity**

- **Volunteer**