



Shreya Santhanam

Collegiate Representative

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My name is Shreya Santhanam, and I am a junior in Bioengineering at the University of Illinois. I have been involved with SWE since I was in seventh grade through Outreach events, and I am looking for the opportunity to give back to this organization, which has given me so much. Due to my heavy involvement in my collegiate SWE section, I have gained valuable leadership skills. As an officer, I have had to lead a committee and work with them to execute

successful events. This year on the executive board, I had to view our organization from a bigger picture and give feedback and constructive criticism to officers to help improve the overall state of our section. In this role I have familiarized myself with our sections goals and bylaws. I attended several Region H events with my section President in order to get a better understanding of the policy changes in National SWE and how they will affect our section.

I believe I would be able to utilize this experience to be an effective Region Collegiate Representative and field any questions that collegiate sections may have, as well as support them in any way needed. I would like to be a member of the RCT this year in order to work closely with the Region and support the collegiate sections with the impending disbandment of Regions. My goal is to ensure that all sections, both big and small are able to prepare themselves for the change, so once FY18 is over, they will be well adjusted to the new system.

I would like to be considered for the RCR position because I want to advocate on behalf of the collegiate sections and hope to contribute lasting change that will benefit collegiate sections for years to come. I think it is critical to advocate for the collegiate viewpoint, because while professionals largely run the organization, the current colligates make up the future leaders. I think it is important to work closely with the collegiate sections in the region to ensure there is full transparency during this transitional time.