



**AWARD CRITERIA FOR THE
NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION
2017-2018 S-STEM Scholarships
–Grant #1259859 June 1, 2013 – May 31, 2018 (estimated)**

SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS (S-STEM)

Eligibility:

A student receiving a S-STEM scholarship funded by the National Science Foundation must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, refugee alien, or permanent resident alien
- Be enrolled full-time (registered for a minimum of 12 credits each semester) in one of the following associate degree programs:

Advanced Manufacturing Systems

Biology

Chemistry

Computer Science

Computer Support Specialist

Digital Instrumentation and Process Control

Mathematics

Network Administration

Alternative Energy Technology

Biotechnology

Computer Aided Design

Digital Forensics

Cybersecurity

Engineering

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Physics

- Demonstrate financial need defined by the U.S. Department of Education rules for federal financial aid
- Demonstrate academic potential or ability through:
 - Cumulative GPA of 2.75 or greater on a 4.0 scale in coursework at HCC / high school.
 - Already completed MAT101 College Algebra (or equivalent) or a higher level math course or will be enrolled in MAT101 College Algebra (or another college level math course) during the first semester of receiving the scholarship.

Procedures to Apply for a Scholarship:

- Complete the 2017-2018 FAFSA online at <https://fafsa.gov> (based on 2015 tax information). HCC's school code is 002074.
- Complete and submit the Application, Scholar Data Form, and other application materials to the Student Financial Aid Office.
- Complete a one-page essay describing your academic and career plan(s).
- Include two (2) Letters of Recommendation from former instructors or academic advisors/counselors (preferred), or employers, verifying potential of student for academic work. Recommendations will include assessment of student's ability to learn, academic and/or intellectual aptitude, critical thinking skills, and general knowledge of math and science.
- Submit your final official high school transcript/GED and/or any official college transcripts (if you have not already completed this requirement).

Application Deadline: Early Decision deadline is Monday, May 1. The fall semester deadline is Tuesday, August 1. The spring semester deadline is Wednesday, November 1. For students applying for the Fall semester who are taking Spring/Summer courses, awards will be contingent upon Spring/Summer grades. For students applying for the Spring semester, awards will be contingent upon Fall grades.

***IMPORTANT* READ BEFORE APPLYING**

Recipient Requirements:

To remain eligible, a student must:

- Make use of Learning Support Center (LSC) services for a minimum of three (3) hours per week
- Register for the 1 credit S-STEM Seminar Course held Friday mornings; You must register for this course each semester in which you receive the S-STEM Scholarship
- Become a member of the S-STEM club
- Attend the S-STEM Scholar Recognition Ceremony held at the end of the Spring semester
- Attend the S-STEM field trips
- Meet with the S-STEM Advisor a minimum of once per month

Do not apply for the S-STEM Scholarship if you do not think you will be able to meet all or most of the requirements listed above. Scholarships will be withheld immediately if a student is not following the requirements.

Maintaining Eligibility:

To remain eligible, a student must:

- Continue to be enrolled full-time in an eligible program
- Attain a GPA of 2.5 or greater and no lower than a "C" in any STEM course in order to be eligible for the spring semester without reapplying
- Make use of Learning Support Center (LSC) services for a minimum of three (3) hours of per week, meet with the S-STEM Advisor, and participate in activities such as field trips/STEM club activities
- Register for the 1 credit S-STEM Seminar Course held Friday morning each semester in which you receive the S-STEM Scholarship

Students who drop a class or classes before they start and subsequently are enrolled less than full time will have their scholarship award removed. This includes late starting courses.

Students with GPAs lower than 3.0 or who receive a mid-term deficiency in any course will be considered on warning and will be required to develop a plan to regain academic progress. Students with GPAs lower than 2.5 and/or who receives lower than a "C" in any STEM course will be considered on probation and will be required to meet with the S-STEM advisor to determine future eligibility. Scholarships can be withheld for future semesters if a student is not following the requirements.

Students who have less than a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the time of being selected for the scholarship must attain a cumulative GPA of at least a 3.0 after the first semester of receiving the scholarship. Students who do not attain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 will be placed on warning or probation or will lose all future S-STEM scholarship eligibility.

A student who receives a scholarship for the fall semester and follows all the requirements will be automatically granted a scholarship for the spring semester. Students who withdraw or lose their eligibility during the year will have the remainder of their scholarship removed. The money will be awarded to other eligible students.

Eligibility for the S-STEM scholarship cannot be determined until the results of the FAFSA are received and verified by the Student Financial Aid Office. Scholarships will be based on unmet financial need, with the maximum scholarship capped at \$6,000 per year (\$3,000 per semester) until a terminal degree is attained (up to 4 semesters). The Spring 2018 semester is the final semester that the scholarship will be offered (estimated). Current awards can be withheld if a student is not following the requirements of the scholarship.



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Please read the attached award criteria sheet before completing the scholarship application. By applying you are agreeing to comply with all requirements of the grant. The S-STEM Scholarship is intended to assist full-time students majoring in a STEM major at Hagerstown Community College. The annual maximum awards are based on financial need. The maximum annual award is \$6,000. Scholarship decisions are determined by the S-STEM Scholarship Committee and are based on academic promise and financial need. The complete scholarship application is due to the Student Financial Aid Office by **Monday, May 1 (early decision)**. Applications for the fall semester are due **Tuesday, August 1**. Applications for the spring semester are due **Wednesday, November 1**. Please check your HCC student email if the committee needs additional information. The Spring 2018 semester is the last semester that the scholarship will be offered. For questions, please call the Student Financial Aid Office at (240)500-2605.

Applicant Information:		
Name:	Student ID#:	
Address:		
Email Address:	Telephone:	
Education Information:		
Academic Program:	Do you plan to attend full-time (12 or more credits)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes
		<input type="checkbox"/> No

Your application must include ALL of the following:

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| FAFSA* | <input type="checkbox"/> | Scholar Data Form | <input type="checkbox"/> | Official College Transcripts (if you have attended anywhere other than HCC) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Essay | <input type="checkbox"/> | Official High School Transcript/GED | <input type="checkbox"/> | Two Recommendation Letters | <input type="checkbox"/> |

*For FAFSA assistance, contact Finaid@hagerstowncc.edu. The 2017-2018 FAFSA can be completed online at <https://fafsa.gov>. HCC's school code is 002074. Please check with the Student Financial Aid Office if any other financial aid paperwork is required.

I hereby certify that the information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I authorize Hagerstown Community College (HCC) to verify the accuracy of this information, to use this information in determining scholarship awards, and to report statistical data, including academic progress, to the federal government.

If selected to participate in the S-STEM program, I understand that in order to remain eligible I must follow all of the scholarship requirements.

Applicant Signature

Date



Scholar Data Form

Hagerstown Community College National Science Foundation S-STEM Scholarship Programs

The following information has been requested from the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Hagerstown Community College (HCC) for the purpose of tracking the success of this program, and as a condition of the award for scholarship. The information will be used by the S-STEM advisor at HCC and will be reported to the NSF. The demographic information (gender, ethnicity, race, disability status) is optional. All information will be kept confidential, although the NSF or its agents may contact you in the future to request your further participation in research about the S-STEM program. Such research will be used to help improve the program, but you are not required to participate beyond providing the required information below. The employment information will need to be completed each semester.

Permanent contact information:

Name: _____ Date of Birth (mm/dd/yyyy): _____
 Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Demographic Information:

<p>Gender (check only one):</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to provide	<p>Race (check all that apply)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> American Indian/Alaska Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian <input type="checkbox"/> Black/African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> White <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-race <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to provide	<p>Disability Status (check all that apply)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing Impairment <input type="checkbox"/> Visual Impairment <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Impairment <input type="checkbox"/> Learning Disability <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe: _____) <input type="checkbox"/> None <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to provide
<p>Ethnicity (check only one)</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Not Hispanic/Latino <input type="checkbox"/> Do not wish to provide		

Citizenship: U.S. citizen National Permanent resident alien (card no. _____) Refugee alien

Academic Class: Incoming Freshman Current First Year (<30 credits) Current Second year (30-65 credits) Academic Class not listed _____

Do or will you work while enrolled in school? Yes No
 (Include any campus employment) How many hours per week on average per semester?
 Employer: _____ Position: _____
 Employer: _____ Position: _____

Release of Information:

By signing below, I certify that the information contained in this form is true. I also give my permission for all information in this form as well as the relevant information in my HCC record, including transcript and entrance information, to be available to my S-STEM advisors for the purpose of reporting to the NSF and determining continued eligibility for this scholarship. I realize that the NSF or its agents may contact me to request further information for the purposes of research about the S-STEM program, and that I am not required to participate in any future research. I also understand that this form will become part of my official student record at Hagerstown Community College.

 Applicant Signature _____
 Date