2020-2021 Undergraduate STEM Scholarship Program

Deadline: June 22, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.

Purpose:
Scholarships to support outstanding undergraduate students pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) disciplines that support NASA’s mission (Preservice STEM education majors also qualify).

Awards:
Scholarships of $5,000 for the 2020-2021 academic year will be awarded to students at Iowa Space Grant core institutions (Drake, Iowa State, Iowa, or Northern Iowa) or academic affiliates (Loras College or Des Moines Area Community College). Awards of $2,500 per semester with proof of enrollment and minimum GPA met with transcript verification from Fall 2020, for Spring 2021 allotment.

Requirements:
- U.S. citizenship
- Full-time enrollment at Drake, ISU, UI, UNI, Loras, or DMACC as of August 2020
- Graduation date no earlier than May 2021
- Cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 (out of 4.0)
- Majoring in STEM disciplines (includes Preservice STEM education majors)

Award winners will be chosen based on student qualifications, application, and letter of recommendation. Women, underrepresented minorities, persons with disabilities, and U.S. military veterans are encouraged to apply.

Selection:
Scholarship/s will be awarded to students who have the highest academic merit and have submitted a transcript and recommendation letter. A research component will be looked upon favorably, but is not required for the application. Awardees will need to provide an unofficial transcript upon graduation and agree to participate in a NASA longitudinal tracking process that surveys student progress and/or eventual employment outcome to help assess the effectiveness of our program and STEM retention efforts.

Application:
Complete the online scholarship application at: Undergraduate Application. Be prepared to submit an unofficial transcript (unprotected and unsecured PDF) and at least one recommendation letter (a second letter is optional). These items are required for a complete application. This online announcement is available at the ISGC website: https://www.iaspacegrant.org/funding/undergrads/.

Recommendation Letter/s:
Submission of at least one recommendation letter from a mentor is required. A second letter would also be accepted, but is not required. It is the responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all materials are submitted by the deadline. For the recommendation letter/s, forward your request to your mentor by e-mail with the following URL for an online submission: Undergraduate Recommendation.

Submission Deadline: June 22, 2020 by 4:00 p.m. Preliminary announcement date for awards is July 23, 2020, contingent upon availability of NASA funding.

Inquiries: Send questions to our main office at: isgc@iastate.edu.

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