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2026-2027 Undergraduate STEM Research Scholarship Program

Deadline: June 9, 2026, by 4:00 pm

Purpose:

Eight (8) scholarships of \$5,000 will be awarded to support outstanding undergraduate students pursuing a degree in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) disciplines that support NASA's mission (Preservice STEM education majors also qualify). Awards of \$2,500 per semester with proof of enrollment, in addition to continuation of research involvement, and minimum 3.0 GPA met with transcript verification from Fall 2026, are required for the Spring 2027 allotment.

Eligibility:

- U.S. citizenship
- Full-time enrollment at DMACC, Drake, ISU, Loras, Morningside, UI, UNI, or Simpson as of August 2026
- To be eligible, applicants must have graduated from high school prior to August 2026.
- Graduation date no earlier than May 2027
- Majoring in STEM disciplines (includes Preservice STEM education majors)
- Currently working on a faculty-mentored research project that has NASA STEM relevance
- Good academic standing (minimum 3.0/4.0 GPA)

Selection:

Funding is competitively awarded based on complete application information including academic qualifications, research project, NASA alignment, and faculty letter of recommendation. Awardees will be required to present their research as a poster presentation at the ISGC Student Research Symposium in spring 2027 (date TBD). Some students, based on mentor recommendations, will be asked to give an oral presentation at this symposium. 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 eventual employment outcome to help assess the effectiveness of our program and STEM retention efforts.

To Apply:

- Complete the [scholarship application](https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019d73445d9b733db44901aafc097978)
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- As part of the application, you will be asked to upload your most recent unofficial transcript (unprotected and unsecured PDF)
- Research mentor must submit a [recommendation letter](#) that describes the student's role within the STEM research project. A second recommendation letter is optional that addresses the student's broader qualifications. Forward this request to your mentor by email with the following URL for online submission:
<https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019d73445eaf7345aa0d506f3a30bd9b>

Preliminary announcement date for awards is mid-July 2026, contingent upon availability of NASA funding.

This online announcement is available on the ISGC website: <https://www.iaspacegrant.org/undergraduate-students/>

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