



Scholarships for Broadening Participation in the Sciences

The Kent State University Scholarships for Broadening Participation in the Sciences will annually provide 21 undergraduate scholarships, averaging \$5,000 each to promising science students. The scholarships will be awarded to students who are financially disadvantaged thereby enabling them to pursue a full-time program of studies that can be completed in four years. The scholarship is renewable each year and available from academic year 2012/13 until 2017/18. This is a continuation of a previous NSF funded scholarship program that started in 2006 and ended in 2012 (NSF DUE 06-31088).

Due date: We will start reviewing applications May 21 but will continue accepting them until mid June (2012).

Eligibility

Students applying for this scholarship must intend to pursue a Bachelor degree in the sciences from one of the programs offered at Kent State University. This includes such programs as Computer Science, Chemistry, Physics, Geology, Biology, Physical Anthropology, and Mathematics. However, students pursuing degrees towards medical professions (e.g., pre-med and nursing) are **not** eligible. Students must also meet the Federal eligibility guidelines and requirements to receive financial aid (see www.fafsa.edu.gov) and be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident. Students from underrepresented groups, in the sciences, are especially encouraged to apply

Application Process

The application includes the student's academic record, two letters of recommendation, and a short one-page essay written by the applicant. The essay should discuss the applicant's science abilities, what he or she has learned about the field, what strengths and weaknesses the student possesses, and what the student's aspirations are for a science career.

Applicants will be judged based on their financial need, academic record, letters of recommendation, and essay. Scholarship awardees will be linked academically through a shared interest in computational and quantitative approaches to problem solving in the sciences.

Scholarship Recipient Requirements

Student recipients of a STEM-Scholarship are required to:

- Remain in good academic standing within their STEM major
- Participate in STEM-Scholarship Program's social and mentoring activities
- Participate in the interdisciplinary STEM-Scholarship capstone
- Work with a STEM faculty mentor on a research in their area of expertise

Information & Application Form

www.stem-scholarships.kent.edu

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