



Scholarship Program for Students Majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Math (STEM)

Mercer County Community College, supported by the National Science Foundation (NSF), announces a **STEM Scholarship Program** (Scholarships for Advancing Mercer STEM Students or **SAMS**). The grant-funded program provides scholarships to financially needy STEM majors (biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering, technology, or math) and supports full time students for up to 2 years in obtaining an associate degrees and facilitating transfer to 4-year schools.

What are the advantages of becoming a SAMS scholar?

- Become part of a learning community making you more likely to achieve a higher GPA and increase the likelihood of graduating and successfully transferring to a 4-year school.
- Participate in a Summer Bridge Program that facilitates your transition to college.
- Benefit from review sessions, tutoring, and personal mentoring/academic advising by MCCC's science, engineering, and math faculty.
- Attend weekly cohort meetings with other students in the program to develop study skills and college success strategies and to explore transfer and career options in STEM.
- Be encouraged to participate in undergraduate research in STEM or/and become a certified peer-tutor for a STEM gateway course.
- Receive assistance in preparing for transfer to four-year institutions.
- **Receive a scholarship award of \$4,350 each year, for up to two years.**

Who is eligible for the program?

Incoming and current students who plan to or have declared major in STEM (biology, chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering, technology, or math) are encouraged to apply. Under-represented groups, women, and veterans interested in pursuing a degree in STEM are strongly encouraged. Submission of a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is required.

Students interested in applying for the SAMS program must:

- Declare a STEM major and have a minimum GPA of 2.8
- Be a full-time student (minimum of 12 credits/semester)
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or refugee alien

How to apply to the program:

- Complete a SAMS student application and a one-page personal essay (up to 300 words), describing your academic and career plans.
- Submit 1 letter of recommendation from a teacher or professional (STEM field preferred).
- Provide either Accuplacer, SAT, or ACT scores in Math, English, and Reading.
- Submit an unofficial copy of your transcript.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

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For more information

<http://www.mccc.edu/stem/>

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What happens when I am accepted into the program?

Scholarship recipients are paired with a STEM faculty member who provides academic advising and mentoring for the duration of the program. Scholars are required to participate in STEM seminars, weekly cohort meetings, transfer advising, and meet regularly with a STEM faculty member. SAMS Scholars who apply as graduating high school seniors are eligible to enroll in a Summer Bridge Program designed to prepare students to succeed in their courses and promote peer support.