

CCC STEM Scholars Award

The CCC STEM Scholars is a scholarship that is made possible by a grant from the National Science Foundation. It is intended to support students with full tuition support, book support, a laptop computer, and financial assistance at their transfer institution. It is meant to give students they support they need to transfer and achieve their academic goals.

CCC STEM Scholars Eligibility Requirements

According to National Science Foundation guidelines, STEM Scholars Award recipients must:

- Demonstrate financial need. Applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the application deadline.
- Demonstrate academic potential or ability and commitment to completion of a degree in his/her chosen STEM field. Applicants must have completed at least 24 credit hours towards graduation, with a minimum of 10 credit hours in the following upper level courses:
 - Chemistry 201 or higher
 - Math 207 or higher
 - Physics 221 or higher
 - Biology 121 or higher
- Applicants must have a Graduation GPA of 3.0 at the time of application, and maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher while participating in the STEM Scholars Program to maintain the scholarship.
- Be enrolled full-time at one of the City Colleges of Chicago during the semester in which they receive the scholarship award (minimum of 12 credits per semester for the fall and spring terms, and 6 credit hours for the summer term).
- Plan to transfer to a Bachelor's degree program in a related STEM field within one year of receiving the scholarship.

CCC STEM Scholars Instructions

Fill out the attached application in its entirety. A checklist for the application is included at the end of this packet. Once all of the application materials have been collected, please submit the application materials to the Vice President's office. If you have any questions regarding the application or the STEM Scholars, please contact STEMScholars@ccc.edu.

Deadline: November 1st, 2013

Applicant Information

– Please print legibly and complete all blanks.

First Name	
Last Name	
Gender	<input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/> Male
Student ID Number (Not Social Security)	
Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY)	/ /
Street Address (number and street)	
Apt or Unit #	
City	
State	
Zip Code	
Phone Number	
Email Address (either CCC or your personal address)	

Employment Information

Are you currently employed? Yes No

If Yes, how many hours do you work per week?

Transfer Information

Do you plan to transfer to a four-year institution for a bachelor's degree? Yes No

If Yes, where do you plan to transfer (Indicate school and program)?

When do you plan to transfer (semester and year)?

Graduation GPA:

Personal Demographic Information:

The following information is required for the National Science Foundation:

Ethnicity: Hispanic or Latino Not Hispanic or Latino

Race: American Indian or Alaska Native (Tribal Affiliation: _____)

Asian

White

Black or African American

Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

Other (Please specify: _____)

Do you have a diagnosed disability? Yes No (If Yes, please select from below)

Hearing

Vision

Mobility

Learning

Other

STEM Scholars Awards are intended for students pursuing an Associates in Science (AS) or an Associates in Engineering Science (AES) degree. Please select your intended major from the list below:

Chemistry

Physics

Biology

Mathematics

Computer Science Engineering Information Technology

Other ()

The STEM Scholars Award requires that applicants must meet one of the following citizenship/residency requirements. Select the one that describes you:

United States Citizen

Permanent Resident

By signing this application form, I agree to be available for an interview with the scholarship selection committee, if requested. I also understand that as part of the scholarship terms, there are required mentoring and leadership activities during the Fall and Spring semesters. A detailed schedule will be provided to scholarship awardees. Finally, if I am selected, I understand that I must be enrolled full time (12 or more credits) for each semester of the scholarship pursuing the Associate in Science (AS) degree and maintain a 3.0 GPA (Cumulative less Developmental).

Applicant Signature: _____

Personal Essay: In the space below, please describe your academic and career plans. What do you plan to do after your time at the City Colleges of Chicago?

Academic Challenge Essay: In the space below respond to the following prompt: Think about the most challenging academic course or task you have been faced with to date. Describe what made the course or task challenging, and what you did to become successful. In your essay, describe how overcoming this challenge has informed or changed the way you approach your education.

STEM Scholars - Application Checklist

- Completed Scholarship Application Form
- Completed FAFSA
- One-page (300 words – 1 page maximum) personal essay describing your academic and career plans
- One-page (300 words maximum) essay answering the following question: Think about the most challenging academic course or task you have been faced with to date. Describe what made the course or task challenging, and what you did to become successful. In your essay, describe how overcoming this challenge has informed or changed the way you approach your education.
- Resume, including leadership roles, achievements, and honors
- One (1) letter of recommendation from a faculty member in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics who can discuss your academic achievements, contributions to the classroom environment, and potential for success in your chosen field
- Official or unofficial CCC transcript or grade report.

All application materials must be received by November 1st, 2013. Please submit materials to the Vice President's office at your college.