



Essay Guidelines & Prompt

Essay Guidelines

To apply for the scholarship, a long-form essay is required. Guidelines for the essay follow:

- Essay must be typed or written by hand on lined paper. (Hand written essays must be legible or they will be discarded, thus disqualifying the applicant.)
- Essay should be about 500 to 1,000 words. Please do not exceed 1,500 words. Longer essays are not necessarily better essays. It's the content of the writing that counts, not the word count.
- This is a personal essay about you. Please use the first person and don't be afraid to express yourself. Feel free to be clear and direct about who you are and what you want to accomplish.
- This essay should represent your best writing. Spelling, grammar, and style are important.

Writing Prompt

As a soon-to-be graduating high school student with your sights set on a college education in science, technology, engineering or math, you know where you've been – and you have a vision for where you are going. We want to know about your journey from here to there, and how this scholarship could help you make it.

Please answer the following questions in your essay:

- **WHY have you chosen to focus on STEM?**
Maybe you were inspired by a person or an idea. Or perhaps you had an experience at a young age that has stuck with you. Tell us about your WHY.
- **WHAT do you plan to study, and WHAT do you hope to accomplish?**
Describe your expected field of study (physics, mathematics, engineering, etc.) and explain what you hope to accomplish with your education. For example, if you plan to study chemistry, perhaps you'd like to invent new medications to help people.
- **HOW could this scholarship help?**
Describe your financial need. Be honest. How will you pay for college? Do you have financial help from your parents or other family members? Will you be taking out loans? Will you be working while going to school?