



2024-2025

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OPPORTUNITY

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STEM BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIPS (SBS)

Applications Open: September 3, 2024

Application Deadline: October 14, 2024

Award Announcements: December 2, 2024

Awards: \$3,000 spring 2025 scholarship with renewable \$3,000 fall 2025 scholarship*

* Subject to availability of funds

Purpose: Scholarships to support outstanding undergraduate students identify as members of a federally recognized underserved community enrolled in a STEM program of study, demonstrating an interest in pursuing STEM-related studies supporting [NASA Mission Directorates](#).

To Apply:

- **CREATE a NASA STEM GATEWAY account** stemgateway.nasa.gov/public/s/login/ (applicants will be required to update profile information annually).
- **CREATE a WSGC account** spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/ (applicants will be required to update profile information annually).
- Sign into your WSGC account and submit an application/supporting documents to the **STEM BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP** funding program spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login/ (applicants may apply to multiple funding programs).

Application Requirements: Applicants who meet the following requirements can apply for the **STEM BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP**:

- WI resident during academic year
- Enrolled full-time in, admitted to, or applied to any undergraduate program at a [WSGC college or university](#)
- Minimum 3.0 GPA (*Proposals that include a GPA of less than 3.0 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis*)
- Completed at least one year of a science, technology, engineering, or math undergraduate program
- Completed application online (*see Supporting Materials Required with Application below*)

The Consortium invites high school seniors and undergraduate students attending two- and four-year academic institutions to apply to the **STEM BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP** funding program. The Consortium especially encourages applications from members of minority groups, women, and persons with disabilities, and those pursuing STEM-related studies supporting NASA Mission Directorates spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/mission/directorates/. A technical advisory panel selects award winners based on academic performance and the demonstrated interest in pursuing a STEM career. For consideration, applicants must create a NASA STEM Gateway profile and complete the **WSGC STEM BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP** application along with supporting documentation.

[Current & Past Recipients](#)

Supporting Materials Required with Application:

1. A maximum two-page statement containing the following (See [Tools & Tips](#) for more information on how to create professional communications):
 - a. A clear, concise account of the reasons for seeking this scholarship.
 - b. Evidence of previous interest and experience in STEM-related studies.
 - c. A description of present interest in a STEM field(s) related to a NASA Mission Directorate(s).
 - d. A description of the program of STEM-related studies supporting a NASA Mission Directorate(s) the applicant plans to pursue during this period of this award.
2. Copy of the applicant's high school transcript (*incoming freshmen only*)
3. Copy of most recent college transcript (*unofficial is acceptable/not required for incoming freshmen*)

***NOTE:** Students also applying for other scholarship/fellowship funding programs should submit a statement distinguishing the Undergraduate Scholarship application from other scholarship/fellowship applications. The Technical Advisory Panel gives primary consideration for STEM BRIDGE Scholarship awardees to first-time applicants.

Award Acceptance Components: As part of the award acceptance, awardees will be asked to attend the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference in August 2025 (spring scholarships) or August 2026 (fall scholarships) and submit the following documents on the WSGC application website under Program Applications/Your Applications:

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- Award Acceptance Letter
- W9
- One-Paragraph Biography
- Professional Photo
- Summary Report
- 2-3 project photos featuring awardee
- Student Story

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- Update WSGC Profile
- W9
- Copy of most recent college transcript (*unofficial is acceptable*)
- Summary Report
- 2-3 project photos featuring awardee
- Student Story

Please direct questions about the [STEM BRIDGE SCHOLARSHIP](#) program to:

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This funding opportunity is made available for the pursuit of space-related research and/or activities through the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program: NASA Educational Cooperative Agreement #80NSSC20M0123. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) number for this award is 43.008.

All awards are fully competitive awards of opportunity in which applications are reviewed by the WSGC Technical Advisory Panel and other experts as needed. Awards are made by the Assistant Director based on recommendations from the Associate Director.

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