



Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics Scholar Fact Sheet

Freshmen and transfer student criteria

- U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the United States
- Admitted to the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science
- Registered as a full-time student
- An official high school transcript is required. Incoming freshmen must meet at least one of the following criteria: a) high school rank in the top 25 percentile, b) minimum ACT composite score of 22, c) minimum high school grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale.
- Transfer students: cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0 scale from the transfer institution; an official transcript is required
- Students must demonstrate financial need; FAFSA forms must be completed and report sent to UW-Platteville with application
- One letter of recommendation, must be from a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) teacher (The letters should address academic aptitude, motivation, leadership qualities, time management skills, service learning and/or memberships)
- One-to two-page personal statement written by the student, discussing personal goals, reason for selection and commitment to a STEM major, and reason to be considered for the scholarship and the STEM Scholars (report provided)
- A copy of student's updated résumé



Continuing student criteria

- In good standing in EMS
- Students must demonstrate financial need; FAFSA forms must be completed and report sent to UW-Platteville
- Registered as a full-time student
- In good standing with the STEM Scholars Program
- Cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or higher at UW-Platteville
- An updated copy of student's résumé



Student responsibilities

- Attend a STEM Scholar orientation prior to classes starting
- Establish academic and non-academic goals at the beginning of each year
- Provide a written goal assessment at the end of the year
- Be involved in a peer mentor program (first year is required; optional in subsequent years)
- Join at least one student organization, either within their STEM discipline or in some other area of interest such as athletics, fine arts, etc. (encouraged)
- Participate in STEM Scholar discussions
- Give 10 hours of service in the first year and 15 hours of service in subsequent years; scholars will be encouraged to undertake a service learning project as a group in order to meet this requirement, however, students may individually choose to give service in other ways such as becoming a peer mentor
- Attend at least one Career Fair each year; arrange at least two job-shadow days within the four years
- Attend programs on résumé and application letter writing and job interviewing within the four years
- Explore studying abroad or undertaking an independent study, internship or an undergraduate research project



Additional information and forms are available at www.uwplatt.edu/stemscholars

The University of Wisconsin-Platteville, an equal opportunity, affirmative action campus, seeks to build a diverse student body and encourages STEM Scholar applications from women, persons of color and persons with disabilities.

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Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) Scholars Program?

The STEM Scholars program is a five-year program funded by the National Science Foundation that began in fall 2010. The program annually awards 10 renewable scholarships of approximately \$3,800 to incoming freshmen or transfer students, increasing the group to approximately 50 students in years four and five. Eligible students must select a major offered in the College of Engineering, Mathematics and Science; demonstrate academic excellence and show financial need. This program crosses STEM disciplines within the College of EMS by building a strong network through various group activities, some of which are specific to interests that are particular to underrepresented populations.

The Program Leadership Team will oversee this program, with the assistance of UW-Platteville administration, academic services and faculty by specifically:

- providing a structure that facilitates a strong network of students
- encouraging participation in structured networking opportunities including mentoring, advising and research
- promoting opportunities for students such as internships and co-operative education with industry
- supporting career selection and job placement

Why should I participate in the STEM Scholars Program?

STEM Scholars will:

- participate in scholarly engagements, workshops, conferences and research that will assist them in achieving academic excellence
- have the opportunity to study abroad or participate in internships and co-ops
- expand their academic and leadership skills
- have the option to participate in undergraduate research opportunities, enhancing understanding of the sciences at UW-Platteville and beyond
- receive a renewable scholarship in the amount of approximately \$3,800
- receive assistance with career planning and placement
- participate in peer mentoring and service learning

How do I apply?

Application forms and instructions are available at www.uwplatt.edu/stemscholars.

What is the timeline?

Please check the website for further details.

Who do I contact with questions?

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