



RESPEC STEM Scholarship

Five \$3,000 Awards

RESPEC launched the STEM Scholarship Program in 2023 as part of our investment in the next generation of scientists and engineers. The STEM Scholarship Program awards \$3,000 to up to five recipients studying science, technology, engineering, math, or computer science at a four-year college or university.

Purpose: To provide scholarships to deserving area youth pursuing a STEM degree who need financial assistance, actively supporting the community in which they live, and show an eagerness to achieve knowledge by intending to pursue a post-high school course of study at a 4-year college or university.

1. DEADLINE for scholarship applications is March 31, 2025, by 5:00 p.m. **(No Exceptions)**.
2. You will be notified by mail in May 2025 regarding the status of your application.
3. If you have any questions about the application, please email the RESPEC Foundation at Foundation@respec.com.
4. Scholarship funds will only be awarded to the student's college or university account upon evidence of registration in an accredited post-secondary institution.

Criteria:

1. The applicant must be a citizen of the US or Canada.
2. GPA 3.2 or higher on a 4.0 scale.
3. The applicant must be a graduating high school senior or enrolled undergraduate in an accredited post-secondary institution in the year of the scholarship award.
4. Enrolled in one of the following majors or closely related programs:
 - a. Civil Engineering
 - b. Computer Science or Computer Engineering
 - c. Geology or Geological Engineering
 - d. Environmental Engineering
 - e. Math
 - f. Mechanical Engineering
 - g. Electrical Engineering
 - h. Mining or Mineral Resources
 - i. Land Surveying
 - j. Structural Engineering
 - k. Urban Planning
 - l. Water Resources or Hydrology
5. Interest in a paid internship with RESPEC following their freshman, sophomore, or junior year of college. Note that the internship is not required for a scholarship, and the recipients are not guaranteed an internship.
6. Additional consideration will be given to applicants who self-identify as members of groups that are traditionally underrepresented in STEM careers, including women; racial and ethnic minorities; individuals with a disability (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act);



Individuals who identify as LGBTQ; individuals that are or will be first-generation college students; active duty US military, including Reserves and National Guard; US military Veteran, including Reserves and National Guard; spouse of US Military Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, or Veteran.

Application Process:

Applicant must submit the following items:

1. Completed application form.
 - a. If any question in this application does not apply to you, please put N/A in the space.
 - b. Type or print legibly. Illegible applications will be returned to you.
2. At least two (2) letters of recommendation. At least one letter of recommendation should be obtained from a choice of high school teacher, administrator, or counselor with significant knowledge of the applicant's education experience and school activity involvement. At least one letter of recommendation should be obtained from a non-academic individual (e.g., boss, neighbor, pastor, volunteer coordinator) with knowledge of the applicant's community involvement. Note that letters of recommendation are included in an applicant's score and must all be received before the application deadline for the application to be considered complete. Letters of recommendation can be submitted with the scholarship application or sent directly to Foundation@respec.com.
3. A recent high school and/or college/university transcript with an unweighted cumulative grade point average.
4. A separate document answering the following questions:
 - a. Tell us a little about yourself and your family (biographical information).
 - b. What extracurricular activities are you involved in?
 - c. Passion - What are your career goals and aspirations? What are you passionate about?
 - d. Accountability – What does accountability mean to you? Describe a time/event where you had to take accountability.
 - e. Caring - Describe how you have positively impacted your community. What volunteering activities have you been involved in?
 - f. Teamwork – Have you been part of a research team? In what ways do you feel being part of a team benefits you and the future of science and engineering?
 - g. Please outline your financial aid needs.
 - h. What effect will this award have on your future?
5. Are you interested in an internship with RESPEC? What type of projects that RESPEC has completed are you interested in? Please submit the application to Foundation@respec.com or mail the application to RESPEC Foundation, 3824 Jet Drive, Rapid City, SD 57703. The deadline for the application is March 31, 2025. Applications postmarked after this date will not be considered.



Please **type** or **print** your answers. If the application is illegible, it will be returned to you.

1.	Last Name:	First Name:	Middle Initial:
2.	Mailing Address: Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____		
3.	Daytime Telephone Number: ()		Email:
4.	Date of Birth: Month Day Year		
5.	Current High School:	Number of years attended:	
6.	I will be attending the following school in the <u>Fall of 2025</u> :		
7.	I will be entering the school mentioned above as a: (Circle one) Freshman Sophomore Junior Senior		
8.	Grade Point Average (GPA): _____ (On a 4.0 scale) <i>Attach proof of GPA. Your most recent school transcript is required.</i>		ACT or SAT Score:
10.	Name & address of parent(s) or legal guardian(s): <i>Use the reverse side of the application if you need more space.</i> Name (s) _____ Street: _____ City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____ Home Phone: _____		
11.	Name and city of other high schools attended: Number of years attended:		
12.	List the names of any colleges you have attended.		
		Year Began:	Year Ended:
		Year Graduated (if applicable):	Type of Degree Received (if applicable):
A.			
B.			
C.			
13.	What specialty/major and/or minor do you plan to study as you continue your education?		
16.	Please list education goals, academic honors, and community service activities.		
<i>Use an additional sheet if you need more room to list financial information, educational goals, academic honors, and community service activities as requested for Items 14- 16.</i>			
17.	Do you self-identify as a member of traditionally underrepresented groups in STEM careers? Circle all that apply. women; racial and ethnic minorities; individuals with a disability (as defined by the Americans with Disabilities Act); Individuals that identify as LGBTQ; individuals that are or will be first-generation college students; active duty US military, including Reserves and National Guard; US military Veteran, including Reserves and National Guard; spouse of US military Active Duty, Reserve, National Guard, or Veteran.		



18.	A. The following items must be attached to this application for the application to qualify for review by the scholarship committee.		
	B. Your application will be rejected if these items are not attached to this application (No exceptions).		
	C. Circle "YES" or "NO" to be sure you have attached each item as required.		
	YES	NO	Two (2) reference forms. Return these completed forms from your teachers or professors.
	YES	NO	Most recent high school or college transcript.
	YES	NO	Questionnaire. Item 4 under "Application Process".

STATEMENT OF ACCURACY

I hereby affirm that all the above-stated information I provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I also consent that my picture may be taken and used for any purpose deemed necessary to promote the RESPEC STEM scholarship program.

I hereby understand that if chosen as a scholarship winner, according to the RESPEC STEM Scholarship policy, I must provide evidence of enrollment/registration at the post-secondary institution of my choice before scholarship funds can be awarded.

Signature of scholarship applicant:

_____ Date _____