# **STEM Bridge Scholarship (SBS)**

**Applications Open:** September 4, 2020 **Application Deadline:** October 6, 2020 **Award Announcements:** November 20, 2020

#### Awards:

\$2,000\* for spring 2021 semester \$2,000\* for 2021-2022 academic year

**Purpose:** Scholarships to support outstanding undergraduate students identified as a member of a federally recognized minority group (Black or African American, Native American and Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island) enrolled in a STEM program of study, demonstrating an interest in aerospace or supporting NASA's mission.

## To Apply:

- Register on the WSGC website (<a href="https://spacegrant.carthage.edu/forms/account/login">https://spacegrant.carthage.edu/forms/account/login</a>). Applicants will be prompted to update personal information annually.
- Upload current resume to applicant profile. WSGC will share the provided resume with Wisconsin
  Aerospace Industry partners for co-op, internship, and employment opportunities if applicant grants WSGC
  permission by marking the check box provided.
- <u>Sign in</u> and submit the <u>Grant Application Form</u> (applicants may apply to multiple funding programs) and supporting documents.

**Application Requirements:** Applicants who meet the following requirements can apply for this scholarship by registering and applying online at <a href="mailto:spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login">spacegrant.carthage.edu/about/login</a>:

- U.S. citizen identified as a member of a federally recognized minority group (Black or African American, Native American and Alaska Native, Hispanic/Latino, or Native Hawaiian/Pacific Island)
- WI resident during academic year
- Enrolled full-time in, admitted to, or applied to any undergraduate program at a <u>WSGC college or university</u>
- Enrolled in a STEM program of study and demonstrating an interest in aerospace or supporting NASA's mission
- Completed at least one year of a science, technology, engineering, or math undergraduate program

<sup>\*</sup> Subject to availability of funds

- Minimum 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 scale (Proposals that include a GPA of less than 3.0 will be evaluated on a case-by-case basis)
- Completed application online (see Supporting Materials Required with Application below)

The Consortium invites applications for STEM Bridge Scholarships for the 2020-2021 academic year. Award winners will be chosen based on academic performance, aerospace-related promise, and the demonstrated interest in pursuing a career in STEM/aerospace. For consideration, the application form must be complete and be accompanied by supporting documentation.

# **Supporting Materials Required with Application:**

- 1. Maximum two-page statement containing the following (See <u>Tools & Tips</u> 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 space, aerospace, or space-related studies.
  - c. A description of present interest in the space field.
  - d. A description of the program of space-related studies the applicant plans to pursue during this period of this award.
- 2. Copy of most recent college transcript (unofficial is acceptable)
- 3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation: Letter(s) of recommendation may be submitted with the online application. Confidential letter(s) of recommendation may be emailed to <a href="mailto:spacegrant@carthage.edu">spacegrant@carthage.edu</a>. Subject: SBS21 LOR.
  - a. One from a STEM faculty member who advises the applicant (academic advisor).
  - b. One from another faculty member, employer, or aerospace professional of the applicant's choice.

\*NOTE: Students also applying for the Undergraduate and/or Women in Aviation Scholarship Programs should submit a statement distinguishing the STEM Bridge scholarship from other scholarship applications. Primary consideration for STEM Bridge Scholarship awardees is given to first-time applicants.

**Award Acceptance Components:** As part of the award acceptance, the applicant will be asked to attend the Annual Wisconsin Space Conference in August 2021 and August 2022, as well as submit the following documents on the WSGC application website under Program Applications/Your Applications:

### 2020-2021

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

# <u>2021-2022</u>

- 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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#### **Wisconsin Space Grant Consortium**

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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.

