S-STEM Scholarship Program in Computer Science

S-STEM Scholarship Program in Computer Science, supported by the National Science Foundation, provides scholarships to undergraduate students majoring in Computer Science at Middle Tennessee State University. Each scholarship recipient will receive up to $6,000 per year for the first two years and up to $3,000 for the third year.

FAQs

How do I apply?
You should start by submitting the application form on the back. Make sure you make a copy of the brochure for your future reference.

How much money can I get?
Each scholarship recipient will receive up to $6,000 per year for the first two years and up to $3,000 for the third year. The amount you get will depend on your financial need, which will be decided by the Financial Aid office at MTSU. In addition, students can be paid for their participation in sponsored activities like summer project development and peer mentoring.

How long can I be supported?
Each student will be supported for no more than three years. However, we will provide assistance to help you look for summer internships and professional part-time jobs at your third year.

How and when will I get paid?
You will be paid once in the fall and once in the spring semester as long as you remain eligible for the program. MTSU will apply the money to your University account automatically.

What should I do to maintain the scholarship?
In addition to remaining eligible for the scholarship, recipients must make reasonable academic progress toward the bachelor’s degree in Computer Science by acquiring at least 6 credit hours from qualified math and/or Computer Science courses per academic year.

Should I apply for the scholarship each year?
Scholarship recipients are not required to resubmit applications as long as they remain eligible for the scholarship and make reasonable academic progress. However, the amount of the scholarship will be recalculated based on the latest financial data.

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If you have any questions about the scholarship program, please contact one of the above faculty advisors.

S-STEM Scholarship Program Application Checklist

☐ Step 1: Make sure you meet the criteria for the program. To be eligible for the scholarship, a student must:
• Be a U.S. citizen or national
• Be a full-time student or have applied to MTSU
• Be Pell-eligible
• Be a Computer Science major at MTSU with no more than 32 computer science credit hours
• Have a GPA of 2.50 or higher on Computer Science courses taken at MTSU, or have a math ACT subscore ≥ 22 if no Computer Science courses have been taken at MTSU

☐ Step 2: Complete the Application Form on the back and return it to Dr. Zhijiang Dong at KOM 355, or scan and email to Zhijiang.Dong@mtsu.edu no later than April 1, 2018.

☐ Step 3: Upon notification of acceptance, make an appointment with a faculty advisor to learn about activities and opportunities designed for scholarship recipients.
Application Form for S-STEM Scholarship Program in Computer Science

First Name ___________________________ Middle Name ___________________________ Last Name ___________________________

Email ___________________________ MTSU ID Number ___________________________

Mailing Address ___________________________ City ___________________________ State ___________________________ Zip Code ___________________________

As a student participating in the NSF S-STEM Scholarship program at MTSU, I understand the following:

**Program requirements:**
- I must be a U.S. citizen or national
- I must maintain full-time student status at MTSU
- I must maintain Pell eligibility
- I must maintain a major in Computer Science
- I must maintain a GPA of 2.50 or higher on Computer Science courses taken at MTSU, or have a math ACT subscore $\geq$ 22 if no computer science courses have been taken at MTSU
- I must acquire at least 6 credit hours from qualified math and/or Computer Science courses per academic year
- I have been supported by the scholarship program for less than three years

**Termination from the program:**
A student in the NSF S-STEM Scholarship program will be terminated if he or she doesn’t meet all of the requirements listed above. A termination letter will be sent to the address given above in the application form. Once a student is terminated from the scholarship program, he/she is ineligible to subsequently re-enter the scholarship program.

**Application status:**
Each scholarship recipient will be notified by email. A notification letter will also be sent to the above mailing address.

By signing below, I acknowledge that I understand the requirements of the scholarship program.

Applicant’s Signature ___________________________ Date ___________________________

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