



Salish Kootenai College
National Science Foundation (NSF)
S-STEM - Scholar (S³) Program
2011 – 2012 Scholarship Application



DEADLINE: September 14th, 2011 – 4:00 p.m.

If you miss the deadline – please submit the application as you will be placed on a waiting list to be considered for the scholarship the following quarter.

Application must be complete and submitted to SKC Career Center

The goal of the SKC STEM Scholarship (S³) program is to enhance the number of skilled technology workers on the Flathead Indian Reservation by offering scholarship to students, particularly in the historically underrepresented populations of Native Americans and females. Through funds from NSF, students may be eligible for scholarship **up to 10,000 per year, per student**. Scholarship amounts vary depending on available funds.

S³ Scholar Awards will be made based on a point system. Points are assessed for the following:

- Student Demographics (ethnicity, GPA, and gender) 30%
- Student Essay 50%
- Letters of Recommendation 20%

APPLICANT CRITERIA FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION

- Enrolled as a full-time student (at least 12 credits) at Salish Kootenai College.
- Must have declared a STEM major (Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics)
- *SKC or transfer college student* - Minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 based on most recent unofficial transcript
- *Incoming freshman* - Minimum high school cumulative GPA of 2.5
- Must not be on Financial Aid Suspension.
- Must have completed entire “Application Check List”

APPLICATION CHECK LIST

In order for your application to be considered complete, the following items must be submitted. Please arrange them in the order listed.

- S-STEM Application (*signed and dated*).
- Essay: Criteria for the essay are listed on page 3 of the application.
- Two RECENT Letters of Recommendation from a non-family member addressing the student's ability to succeed in school and in particular, the student's ability to succeed in a STEM discipline. (*Letters are considered recent if dated within the 6-month period prior to scholarship application deadline*).
- Unofficial transcript from last educational institute attended (*high school or college*) OR GED Documentation (*if you do not have a transcript*).
- Financial Aid Needs Analysis (must be recent).

IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO SUBMIT ALL REQUIRED DOCUMENTS WITH YOUR APPLICATION. DO NOT HAVE INDIVIDUAL ITEMS SENT TO THE CAREER CENTER

STUDENT NAME:

Last

First

Middle

SKC STUDENT ID#:

E-Mail:

MAILING ADDRESS: *(notification letters will be sent to this address)*

Street or P. O. Box

City

State

Zip

Home Phone:

Cell Phone:

Are you, or will you be, enrolled for 12 or more credits?

YES

NO

**If no, stop now. You are not eligible to apply.*

What is the unmet need stated in the lower left hand corner of your needs analysis?

What is your most recent cumulative GPA as shown on your attached transcript?

**If below 3.0 (2.5 if entering freshman) stop now. You are not eligible to apply.*

Are you currently on Financial Aid Suspension?

YES

NO

**If yes, stop now. You are not eligible to apply.*

CITIZENSHIP:

United States

Canada

Other -----

ARE YOU AN ENROLLED TRIBAL MEMBER?

Yes

No

IF NO, are you a first or second generation descendent?

Yes

No

If you answered "Yes" to one of the two prior questions – what tribe are you affiliated with?

For which program of study are you currently enrolled?

**If not a STEM degree, stop now. You are not eligible to apply.*

Please indicate the current degree you are completing:

Associates

Bachelors

Anticipated Date of Graduation from SKC:

ESSAY GUIDELINES

NOTE: *Essay points will be assessed based on adherence to spacing, font size, spelling/grammar, and content. Your essay should be no more than two pages, double-spaced, in 12 pt. font and address your personal, academic and professional goals.*

Suggested essay format:

- ❖ Introduction: Introduce yourself and tell us about your community and family.
- ❖ Unique Circumstances: Describe any special circumstances and/or obstacles that you have had to overcome to attend college.
- ❖ Academics: Describe yourself as a student...study habits, educational goals, etc. What or who inspired you to pursue a college education? Tell us about any support systems you will have while pursuing your degree.
- ❖ Career Plans: Describe your ultimate career goal. What qualities do you have that will help you achieve that goal? What are your weaknesses and how will you overcome them?
- ❖ Financial Needs: Describe your financial situation. In addition to scholarships, how do you plan to fund your education? How will this scholarship help you achieve your goals?

NOTIFICATION OF AWARDS

DO NOT CALL THE CAREER CENTER OFFICE FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING AWARDS.

You will be notified by mail once a determination has been made.

Award information will not otherwise be released by Career Center Personnel.

APPLICANT CERTIFICATION

By reading and initialing the following I certify that I understand the reasons the S³ scholarship may be revoked if I am selected for an award.

Students who are selected as S³ scholars will retain the scholarship throughout the project period for up to four years or until they graduate, whichever comes first, so long as financial and scholarship eligibility requirements are maintained. Students will be evaluated on a **quarterly basis** and must meet the minimum requirements of:

- _____ Continue as a full-time student at SKC
- _____ Declared major in a STEM field
- _____ Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- _____ Attendance at 8 out of 9 weekly mentoring sessions per quarter
- _____ Attendance of at least 2 of the 3 mandatory AISES meetings each quarter
- _____ Completion of quarterly surveys

Students who do not meet the required 3.0 GPA, minimum number of mentoring sessions, mandatory meetings and/or do not complete quarterly surveys will potentially be ineligible for future funding. Students who declare a non-STEM degree or drop below full-time status will automatically lose S³ funding.

I certify that the information on this application is correct and complete to the best of my knowledge. I understand that my refusal to provide the requested information may result in the denial of my application.

I agree to the publication of my name and type of scholarship awarded. I also understand that my essay and picture will be used when submitting reports.

Student Signature

Date