



Scholarship Criteria

- 1. Advocacy and Activism:** The applicant actively engages in advocacy or activism—either through organizations, projects, or personal efforts—and demonstrates a commitment to creating change. Self-advocacy or expressed interest in future activism is also valued.
- 2. Leadership:** The applicant shows leadership within their group(s), organization(s), or community, or demonstrates strong potential for future leadership.
- 3. Community Engagement:** The applicant participates meaningfully in community initiatives beyond social gatherings, showing consistent involvement and impact within any community they consider home.
- 4. STEM Engagement Beyond the Classroom:** The applicant pursues STEM-related activities outside formal coursework, such as mentoring, outreach, or informal learning, and expresses thoughtful ideas or plans for continued engagement.
- 5. Long-Term Passion for STEM:** The applicant demonstrates a deep and sustained passion for their education and career in STEM, as well as an interest in advancing public understanding of science and technology.
- 6. Future Plans & Vision:** The applicant articulates a clear sense of direction for their work, advocacy, or community involvement in STEM. This does not need to be fully defined—ambition and forward thinking are key.
- 7. Identity in STEM:** The applicant reflects on how their identity shapes their experiences and growth within STEM. This may include discussion of underrepresented identities, challenges overcome, or ways their background informs their goals.
- 8. Financial Need (School):** The applicant demonstrates need for financial support to cover educational expenses such as tuition, fees, research materials, or other academic opportunities.
- 9. Financial Need (Basic Needs):** The applicant demonstrates need for financial assistance with essential living expenses necessary for academic success, such as housing, food, clothing, or health care.