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NSF S-STEM BIOLOGY SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT KCKCC

Scholarships will be awarded to unique full-time students who are pursuing an associates degree with a biology emphasis. Incoming freshmen receive up to \$7,500 annually for two years (\$15,000 total). Scholarship recipients will be part of a learning community through which they will be assigned a faculty mentor and can actively participate in high impact science activities.

If you have any questions about this opportunity, please reach out to Tyrun Flaherty, Assistant Professor of Biology at KCKCC tflaherty@kckcc.edu.

Eligibility Requirements

To qualify, and remain, in the program students must:

- Be U.S. citizens, nationals, legal permanent residents, or refugee aliens.
- Major in the biology pathway, AS, or AGS (an Associate degree with a biology emphasis).
- Have financial need as determined by the FAFSA and KCKCC financial aid department (Pell Grant eligible). Completion of the 2023-2024 FAFSA is required (see below).
- Demonstrate academic talent or potential in which the selection committee will take a holistic view of each student candidate.
- Maintain full-time status (minimum 12 credit hours per semester) and at least a 2.0 GPA while at KCKCC
- Agree to participate in an asset-based mentoring program and participate in scholarship program activities.

Application Process

- Complete the KCKCC [Application for Admission](#). If you are already a KCKCC student, skip the application for admission step.
- Complete the NSF S-STEM Biology Scholars Program application form (see below) and send to Mr. Tyrun Flaherty (tflaherty@kckcc.edu), Assistant Biology Professor, as a PDF attachment via email. The subject of the email should be 'Last name - S-STEM Application.' For example, if your last name is Jones, then the subject line of the email would read 'Jones – S-STEM application.'

OR

Mail a completed application to:

KCKCC Math, Science, Business, and Technology Division
Mr. Tyrun Flaherty
7250 State Ave.
Kansas City, KS 66112

- Submit a recommendation form completed by a counselor, science teacher, school administrator, or professional where you work and sent via email or mailed to the address above
- Complete the 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For priority consideration from the Federal Student Aid, submit your FAFSA application by April 1, 2023. The FAFSA may be completed by accessing the Financial Aid Services Website (KCKCC's Federal School Code is 001925 and must be included on the FAFSA):
 - » Please go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
 - » • Select Complete the FAFSA form = Start here or Login if you are a returning user
 - » • Follow the easy step-by-step instructions
 - » • If you have any questions, email finaid@kckcc.edu

If you do not have access to the Internet, please use a computer at KCKCC, your high school, and/or a public library.

Evaluation of Applicants

The selection process will be done by a committee of science faculty at KCKCC. Selected applicants will be invited for an interview at KCKCC or via Zoom. Applications are due March 26th for priority consideration, but students who apply after that date may be considered. Applications received after May 7th will not be accepted.

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Application Form

Items with an asterisk (*) are required and must be completed before you submit your application.

PART I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name * _____
(First Name, Middle Initial, and Last Name)

Last 4 digits of your Social Security Number or KCKCC Student ID Number _____

Address* _____

Telephone* (home or cell) _____

Email Address _____

Citizenship/Residency*

Are you a US citizen Yes No

If you are NOT a U.S. citizen, are you a permanent reside or eligible citizen Yes No

Education*

High School Attended _____

Address of High School _____

Graduation Date _____ GPA _____ SAT or ACT Score _____

Have you completed any college credit courses Yes No If yes, number of credits _____

List any Extra-curricular Activities, Volunteering, Community Involvement, or Social Responsibilities

Other awards or highlights

PART II: ESSAY

The NSF S-STEM Scholarships will be awarded based on several factors including academic achievements and goals, financial need, extracurricular activities, work experience, and others. Please attach an essay or type your response in the space below (450-500 words, typed, double-spaced) highlighting why you are interested in a biology-based career, your qualifications and experiences that will make you a successful scholar in this program, and how you will benefit from this program.

PART III: CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

Please read and sign.

- If I receive this NSF S-STEM Scholarship, I understand that to maintain the scholarship, I must:
 - » Participate in all program activities including the orientation sessions, survey and interviewing procedure, mentoring program, and other program activities.
 - » Maintain a 2.0 GPA each scholarship/academic year.
 - » Maintain full-time student status while pursuing an associates degree with a biology emphasis.
 - » Complete degree requirements in 2 years
- I certify that the information contained in my scholarship application is true and correct. I give permission to the Office of Admissions to share my application information with the selection committee. I also give the Financial Aid Office permission to release my name and information regarding my eligibility for financial need-based scholarships with the NSF S-STEM scholarship selection committee. I also give permission to the KCKCC NSF S-STEM personnel to use information about my academic progress, participation in STEM activities, future employment or transfer institution and choice of major upon transfer, for publications and presentations related to this project. My name will not appear on any data reported to the National Science Foundation as part of their reporting requirements.

Applicant Signature _____

Date _____

If filling out electronically, type your name above and type your initials here to indicate your signature and acceptance of the certification statement:

Initials _____