

MARS AREA HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS SCHOLARSHIP

SCHOLARSHIP GOALS:

1. Provide a student more freedom to consider attending a higher quality and possibly more expensive college or university (which could enhance future job opportunities) than initial college/university under consideration.
2. Reduce potential student debt and/or impact on family financial situation, especially in association with other partial college scholarships.
3. This is an academic scholarship.
4. A \$2500 scholarship will be awarded for the first semester of post-secondary education. This scholarship is renewable for subsequent semesters (renewable for 4 years) if:
 - The recipient continues to major in Chemistry, Engineering, or Mathematics and maintains an acceptable GPA and grades.
 - Continuation of the scholarship for subsequent semesters will be determined by the scholarship sponsors.
 - Criteria to renew the scholarship requires the student to provide the Sponsors an official transcript of the previous semester's grades and a copy of the recipients schedule for the following semester. Considerations for renewal include GPA, difficulty of classes taken, grades earned in major classes, difficulty of college/university attending.

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA:

1. All Mars Area High School seniors are eligible.
2. Attend a four year college/university.
3. Declared college majors in order of priority: Chemistry, Engineering (Chemical, Biomedical, Nuclear), Mathematics.
4. Financial Need: Submit a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) received from FAFSA that shows the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). **Submit only** the page or section of your SAR that shows your EFC (usually on page 1 of the electronic SAR or in the upper right-hand corner of the SAR). **Do not submit** the sections of your SAR that show a summary of your FAFSA application and includes any personal or financial information. Considering the confidential nature of this information, once the scholarship selection process is completed, all documents will be shredded or destroyed in a similar manner.

5. Student to provide:

- Cover page with name, address, telephone number, and email. Indicate if you would like the sponsor to send you an email confirmation when your application documents are received.
 - Essay (1-2 pages, original & 1 copy). Tell us about yourself first. Cite reason(s) you want to major in chemistry, engineering or mathematics, your career goals after college, and why you think you deserve this scholarship. Tell us about your family also – parents/siblings and their education and work experience. Briefly outline any family financial plan to support your higher education.
 - List of colleges/universities to which you have applied and indicate if you have had early acceptance to any of the schools. List any scholarships/grants you have applied for, and list any scholarships/grants you have been awarded so far from schools or other sources.
 - Letter of recommendation from science or math teacher.
 - Provide high school transcript for junior year and first semester of senior year.
6. After the initial application review, the finalist(s) may be asked to participate in a short personal interview with the scholarship sponsor via FaceTime or Skype. This interview will be scheduled with oversight by the guidance department as appropriate.
7. Above criteria/requirements for scholarship eligibility are to be submitted directly to the scholarship sponsors. Applications will be accepted beginning January 1, 2019 until March 15, 2019. **Deadline for applications is March 15, 2020.** No late applications will be accepted. Should some significant information develop after the deadline, it may be added to the application already submitted but there is no guarantee of the impact it will have on the decision.
8. **Please mail all required scholarship criteria and documents directly to the sponsors at the address below, post-marked no later than March 15, 2020.**

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9. Prior to the scholarship being awarded, the recipient may be asked to provide a copy of their acceptance letter and any other documentation that indicates the department or college or area of study (ie: Dept. of Chemistry, College of Engineering, etc.) to which they have been accepted.

AWARDING OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarship (a check payable to the college/university towards tuition) will be awarded at the Mars Area High School Academic Awards Banquet held in May. However, since knowledge of being awarded this scholarship could impact your final choice of college with regard to deadlines, you could individually and confidentially, be notified of the scholarship award at an earlier date. We advise that you keep in contact with the Guidance Department and inform them of any timing issues.

If you have any questions regarding eligibility or the application process for this scholarship, please contact the Mars Area High School Senior Guidance Counselor.

A clear goal, lots of hard work and dedication will ensure you a successful college experience.