The Soares Kildare Science Foundation

Science Excellence Scholarship for Academic Year 2025-2026

Purpose

To support high-achieving high school and college students who demonstrate strong academic performance and a passion for science.

Eligibility

High School Students

Applicants must:

- Have been enrolled in or graduated from a U.S. high school during the 2025–2026 school year.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 for the 2025–2026 school year.
- Have earned a grade of B or higher in all science and math courses for the 2025–2026 school year.
- Complete all three application requirements (below).

College Students

Applicants must:

- Have been enrolled in an accredited U.S. college or university during the 2025–2026 academic year.
- Have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0.
- Complete all three application requirements (below).

Award Details

- **One-time scholarship.**
- **Five qualified recipients.**
- Each recipient receives **$1,000 or more.**

Application Requirements

1. Submit a **transcript** documenting your academic performance and eligibility.
2. **Original personal essay** (500–750 words) The essay must explain what inspires the candidate about science by including;
    1) a scientific moment of discovery or learning,
    2) the areas of science they find most engaging,
    3) academic and career goals,

4) a reflection on how science and spirituality/ religion coexists in their worldview.

3. **3-minute video** responding to **one** of the following prompts:

- Passion for Science & Service – What inspires you about science? How do you hope to use it to help others?
- Project Inspiration – Describe a dream science project and the impact it could have.
- Personal Journey – How has your faith, family, and/ or community shaped your interest in science?

Application Deadline

August 17, 2026

Selection Criteria

Recipients will be selected based on:

- Academic performance.
- Quality, originality, and clarity of the personal essay.
- Video submission, including clarity, depth of content, relevance to the selected prompt, creativity, and presentation.

Final selections are made by the Soares Kildare Science Foundation Board Members.

Disbursement

Funds will be disbursed by check directly to the student or, for recipients who are minors, to a parent or legal guardian, on or before **September 7, 2026.**

Science Excellence Scholarship Application

For High School and College Students

2025–2026 Academic Year

Complete the application and submit all required materials to scholarship@thesksf.org.

SECTION 1: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Full Name: _____
Phone Number: _____
Email Address: _____
Home Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

SECTION 2: ACADEMIC INFORMATION

For High School Applicants

Grade Level During the 2025–2026 School Year:
☐ **9th** ☐ **10th** ☐ **11th** ☐ **12th** ☐ **Graduated in 2026**

High School Name: _____

Cumulative GPA (minimum 3.0 required): _____

Science and Math Grades (2025–2026):
Please list each course and the final grade earned:

Course Name:	Final Grade:
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

*(*Add additional lines as needed.)*

For College Applicants

Academic Level During the 2025–2026 Academic Year:
☐ Freshman ☐ Sophomore ☐ Junior ☐ Senior ☐ Other: _____

College or University Name: _____

Major/Field of Study: _____

Cumulative GPA (minimum 3.0 required): _____

SECTION 3: PERSONAL ESSAY

(*500–750 words*)
Attach a typed essay that explains:

1. A scientific moment of discovery or learning that inspired you.
2. The areas of science you find most engaging.
3. Your academic and career goals.
4. How science and spirituality/religion coexist in your worldview.

Title your file: "Essay – [Your Full Name]"

SECTION 4: VIDEO

3-minute video responding to **one** of the following prompts:

- Passion for Science & Service – What inspires you about science? How do you hope to use it to help others?
- Project Inspiration – Describe a dream science project and the impact it could have.
- Personal Journey – How has your faith, family, and/ or community shaped your interest in science?

SECTION 5: DOCUMENT CHECKLIST

Please confirm all required materials are included with your completed application:

- Transcript/ Report Card
- Personal essay
- SKSF Photo/Video Release Form
- Send your 3-minute video to scholarship@thesksf.org with the subject name: "Scholarship Video and – [Your Full Name]"

SECTION 6: CERTIFICATION & SIGNATURE(S)

I affirm that the information provided in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that providing false information may disqualify me from consideration.

By accepting scholarship funds from The Soares Kildare Science Foundation (The SKSF), the recipient acknowledges and agrees that all scholarship awards are provided at the sole discretion of The SKSF and are intended to support educational and related academic expenses. Recipients are responsible for ensuring funds are used appropriately and in accordance with any applicable school, financial aid, or tax requirements. The SKSF reserves the right to request verification of enrollment or educational standing prior to distribution of funds. Acceptance of scholarship funds constitutes a release and waiver of liability against The SKSF, its officers, directors, volunteers, donors, and affiliates from any claims, damages, liabilities, or disputes arising from or related to the award, use, distribution, or taxation of scholarship funds. The SKSF reserves the right to modify, delay, revoke, or withhold scholarship awards in cases of misrepresentation, ineligibility, failure to meet stated requirements, misuse of funds, inability to verify information provided, conduct inconsistent with the mission and values of The SKSF, or for any other reason deemed necessary at the sole discretion of The SKSF.

Applicant Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: ____ / ____ / _____

Submission Deadline: August 17, 2026

All materials must be submitted via email to: scholarship@thesksf.org
Subject Line: Science Excellence Scholarship Application – [Your Full Name]

PHOTO/VIDEO RELEASE FORM

The Soares Kildare Science Foundation

Participant Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Name (if under 18): _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ **Email:** _____

Authorization and Release

I hereby grant **The Soares Kildare Science Foundation** its affiliates, agents, representatives, employees, volunteers, and assigns, the irrevocable and unrestricted right to take, use, and publish photographs, video or audio recordings, and written or spoken statements of me (or my child if under 18), in any media format, including but not limited to print, digital, and web-based platforms, for the purpose of promoting, publicizing, or documenting the mission and work of the Foundation.

I understand that the materials may be used in promotional materials, press releases, social media, websites, newsletters, educational materials, fundraising campaigns, or other communications related to the Foundation's activities.

I waive any right to inspect or approve the finished materials, and I understand that I will not receive any compensation for the use of these materials.

I release and hold harmless **The Soares Kildare Science Foundation** from any claims, demands, and liabilities in connection with the use of such materials.

Please check one:

☐ I am 18 years of age or older and have read and agree with this release.

☐ I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor named above, have read, and give my full consent in agreement with this release.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____

Date: _____