



ROUTE TO STEM FOUNDATION, INC.

"Helping our Youth Navigate the Route from High School to a Rewarding STEM Career"

2026 SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS

As part of our efforts to facilitate an increase in minority representation in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, the Route to STEM Foundation, Inc. awards annual scholarships to qualified applicants. This year, the following scholarships will be awarded: ***Route to STEM Scholarship***, ***Route to HBCU STEM Scholarship***, ***Route to FAMU STEM Scholarship***.

AWARD AMOUNT: \$1000 each

ELIGIBILITY FOR ALL APPLICANTS

- I. Must be a U.S. Citizen
- II. Must be from one or more racial/ethnic groups that are underrepresented in STEM
- III. Must be a High School Senior who will graduate during the 2025-2026 academic school year
- IV. Must be accepted to a degree program in a field of Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics, at a Two-Year or Four-Year Institution.
- V. Must have a minimum of a 2.75 cumulative grade point average on a 4.0 scale
- VI. In addition to Criteria I - IV, to qualify for the ***Route to HBCU STEM Scholarship*** the student must be accepted to any Historically Black College or University (HBCU)
- VII. In addition to Criteria I - IV, to qualify for the ***Route to FAMU STEM Scholarship*** the student must be accepted to Florida Agricultural and Mechanical University (FAMU)

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Students must submit a complete application packet by the stated deadline. A complete application packet consists of the following:

- i. Scholarship Application
- ii. Copy of academic transcript (unofficial transcript is acceptable)
- iii. Copy of college acceptance letter, if received
- iv. Two letters of recommendation (one letter must be from a school teacher or guidance counselor)

The complete application packet must be provided as one submittal. If any portion of the scholarship package is missing, the applicant will be disqualified.

Winners will be required to submit the following information electronically:

- A head shot photograph of yourself (personal or professional) - due upon notification
- Proof of enrollment to the university - due prior to the first day of fall semester classes

DEADLINE: ALL APPLICATION PACKETS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 31, 2026.

COMPLETED APPLICATION PACKAGES SHALL
BE SUBMITTED BY MAIL OR EMAIL TO:

ROUTE TO STEM FOUNDATION, INC.
P.O. Box 310572, Atlanta, GA 31131-0572
info@routetostem.org

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SECTION I - CONTACT & BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Full Name:		
Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Home Telephone:	Mobile Phone:	
Email Address:	Birthdate:	
Are you from one or more of the racial/ethnic groups that are underrepresented in STEM (i.e. African American/Black, Hispanic/Latinx, or Native American)?		
<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
Are you the first in your family to attend college?		
<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		
Are you the first in your family to pursue a STEM degree?		
<input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		

SECTION II – PARENT/GUARDIAN INFORMATION

(If parents/guardians are separated or divorced, then provide information for primary caregiver only)

	Name	Relationship	Occupation
Parent/Guardian 1			
Parent/Guardian 2			

Provide Parents or Guardians mailing address below only if it is different from above

Address:		
City:	State:	Zip code:
Email Address:		

SECTION II – EDUCATION INFORMATION

High School Name:		
High School Location (City and State):		
Date of Graduation:	GPA:	
TEST SCORES (provide for tests taken)		
SAT Scores	Reading/Writing:	Math:
ACT Scores	ELA:	STEM:

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SECTION III – COLLEGE INFORMATION

Provide the name of the college/university that you plan to attend:

Where is the college/university located (city and state)?

What is your intended major?

SECTION IV – SHORT ANSWER SECTION

(250 words maximum - Provide answers on separate sheet if more space is needed)

What made you interested in pursuing a STEM (science, technology, engineering, or mathematics) career?

How do you hope to use your STEM education to make a difference in your community or inspire others to follow a similar path?

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SECTION V - AWARDS, HONORS, & EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

List any Honors and Awards you received in High School (Indicate Year). If none, leave blank.

Briefly describe any extracurricular activities that you are involved in. Include the time range and any positions held. If none, leave blank.

A completed application must be sent to the **Route to STEM Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 310572, Atlanta, GA 31131** or to **info@routetostem.org** by March 31, 2025. If any portion of this scholarship package is not received by this date, you will be disqualified.

CERTIFICATION: I certify that all statements made in this application are true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and are made in good faith.

Applicant Signature: _____ Date _____

IF THE APPLICANT IS UNDER THE AGE OF 18, A PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE IS REQUIRED

Parent/Guardian Name: _____

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date: _____

By submitting this application, you are giving the Route to STEM Foundation, Inc., the permission to publish your name, college of choice, expected major, hometown, and photograph, on our website or through any of our existing social media platforms. This will only be done in connection to identifying you as a scholarship recipient.

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SELECTED FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ)

1. Can I submit parts of my application separately if some materials aren't ready?

Unfortunately, no. All application materials must be submitted together by the deadline, including your application form, transcript, and letters of recommendation. This helps ensure your application is reviewed fairly and completely.

2. My school is not allowed to share letters of recommendation with students. Can my teacher or counselor submit their recommendations directly to the Foundation?

All materials must be submitted together as one complete package. Many students in this situation ask their school to submit the full scholarship package on their behalf, which has worked well in past years.

3. What if my intended major doesn't seem like a traditional STEM field?

To be eligible, your major must fall within Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics. If your major is borderline, unclear, or overlaps with STEM, the judges will evaluate it and determine how it fits within the scholarship criteria. Their decisions are made carefully and at their discretion.

4. Can I submit my application if I have not decided which school I will attend?

Yes! If you're still deciding, feel free to list multiple schools on your application. This helps ensure your application is placed in the right pool and keeps your options open if you're selected.

5. Will the Foundation let me know if my application is incomplete?

The Foundation isn't able to notify students about missing materials, so we encourage you to double-check your application materials before submitting. Incomplete applications can't be reviewed, and we want to give every student the best chance to be considered.

6. When will scholarship winners be notified?

Notifications are typically sent in early to mid-May, once the selection process is complete. If selected, you'll also receive instructions on how to submit your photograph and proof of enrollment.

Visit routetostem.org/faqs for the full list of frequently asked questions.