

NDIA GREAT LAKES CHAPTER - STEM Scholarship Program

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Semi-annually, the Great Lakes Chapter of NDIA awards one or more scholarships to those who are seeking bachelor degrees in the fields of science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM). The Chapter STEM initiative is an organizational commitment to preparing the Great lakes region for global competitiveness through a strategy of enhanced science, technology engineering and mathematics education and career development opportunities for Great Lakes' area students. This strategy is executed in cooperation with the NDIA National STEM initiative for the entire United States.

Program Eligibility

1. Must be currently enrolled in college, a high school graduate, or graduation-eligible student currently enrolled in high school with a cumulative GPA between 2.60 and 4.0 on a 4.0 scale computed at the end of the latest available reporting period
2. Must demonstrate a growing interest in college preparatory studies and have been active within the school and/or local community.
3. Planning to pursue a Bachelor's degree in a science, technology, engineering or mathematics (STEM) related field. Examples of these fields include but are not limited to biology, physics, chemistry, computer science, astronomy, mathematics, geology, engineering, and STEM teacher preparation programs.
4. Must be an NDIA member or must be a qualified dependent of an NDIA member in good standing.
5. Must be a U.S. citizen and current resident of the mid-west Great Lakes region, including Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin.
6. Must not have been a prior recipient of a scholarship award from the Great Lakes Chapter of NDIA.

Selection Criteria

1. NDIA will select scholarship recipients demonstrating pursuit of a Bachelor's degree and follow-on career in a STEM field.
2. NDIA will accept nominations from any NDIA member or dependent; however, the Scholarship Committee may give preference to a member of the Great Lakes Chapter.
3. The award decisions of the NDIA Great Lakes Chapter Scholarship Committee are final.
4. Selection criteria will include, but not be limited to, demonstrated commitment to a STEM field of study, academic/community achievement, motivation, and a letter of reference.

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Deadline and Submission

1. Candidates must submit the following to be considered:
 - a. Completed Scholarship Application Form
 - b. Scholarship Application Form essays
 - c. Most recent high school transcript (and college if applicable)
 - d. Letter of reference (mailed separately by reference)
2. All required documents for a Spring Semester start must be received by the NDIA Great Lakes Chapter Scholarship Committee not later than November 30; applications for a Fall Semester start must be received at NDIA not later than June 30.
3. Recipients for the Spring Semester will be notified in January; recipients for Fall Semester will be notified in August.
4. All required documents must be received by the chair listed below.

NDIA Great Lakes Chapter
Scholarship Committee
303 N. Main Street, Suite 801
Rockford IL 61101



NDIA Great Lakes Chapter

STEM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM

(Please Type or Print)

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Full Name of Applicant: _____

Scholarship Mailing Address: _____

Permanent Address: _____

Telephone No: _____ Fax No: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Citizenship: _____

Source of Scholarship Information: _____

NDIA Membership Number: _____ NDIA Chapter: _____

High School: _____ City, State _____

College/University: _____ City, State _____

Anticipated Graduation Date: _____ Anticipated College Field of Study _____

1. What attracts you to the field of study you indicated above? Please attached separate sheet and limit you response to 300 words or less.

2. Is there a recent development, problem, or discovery in science that has sparked your interest? If so, please describe it. Again, attach separate sheet and please limit your response to 300 words or less.

3. Describe outside interests, extra-curricular, and community service activities you have been significantly involved with in high school. Please attached separate sheet and limit your response to 300 words or less.

4. Please provide a letter of reference from a non-family member; choose someone we can contact, someone who knows you well, and has knowledge of your capabilities and potential in your selected field. Please supply an email address or phone number. The letter should be mailed directly by your reference to the NDIA Scholarship Committee.

Reference's Full Name: _____

Position (include institution): _____

Relationship to you: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____