



Award ID: 1643593

S-STARS Scholarship

(Students-Success Through Academic Resources & Services)

Scholarship Application

How to Apply

Scholarship Information:

Students - Support Through Academic Resources and Services (S-STARS) is a scholarship program which will recruit and enroll eligible STEM students to participate in the project that pairs financial support with key evidence-based strategies for ensuring student success, retention, and program completion.

The project will provide 104 scholarships: 82 awards of up to \$5,500 to eligible students in STEM associate degree programs and 22 awards of up to \$6,800 to students in the final two years of a baccalaureate program. Strategic elements of student support are 1) intensive advising, 2) cohort engagement, including use of digital tools/social media to deliver information and services, 3) faculty mentor relationships, and 4) career exposure.

Eligibility Criteria:

- *Minimum 3.0 GPA*
- *Part-time enrollment taking 6 credits or more with preference for full time taking 12 credits or more*
- *Ability to attend required meetings and workshops throughout semester*
- *Current FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid department and Pell-eligible*
- *Declared major in one of the following STEM programs:*

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| AS Architectural & Building Technology | AS Computer Engineering Technology | AS Computer Information Technology | AS Computer Programming & Analysis | AS Drafting & Design Technology (CAD) |
| AS Electronics Engineering Technology | AS Engineering Technology | AS Internet Services Technology | AS Network Systems Technology | AS Simulation & Robotics Technology |
| AA with STEM sub plan | BS Information Technology | BS Engineering Technology | | |

Checklist: IMPORTANT! All of the following items must be completed by the deadline and included in your application packet when applying for this scholarship.

- Application
- **Two letters of reference**; one must be from a **STEM** faculty member, written for the purpose of winning the S-STARS scholarship and signed by the referee
- Email application and letters of reference to **Anindya.Paul@DaytonaState.edu**

Applicant Information

Full Name: _____ Date: _____
Last First M.I.

Address: _____
Street Address Apartment/Unit #

City State ZIP Code

Phone: _____ Email _____

Student ID: _____

Declared Program: _____

Do you use Social Media tools?
If so, which one(s)? _____

How did you hear about this scholarship opportunity? _____

Academic Progress

Have you taken any classes at DSC? YES NO Current GPA _____

Do you currently receive financial aid? YES NO

Are you currently employed? If yes, where and how many hours per week do you work? _____

Required Meetings

A component of this scholarship is that students are required to attend meetings **each semester**, including but not limited to:

- *S-STARS Student Orientation*
- *Three (3) faculty mentor meetings*
- *Three (3) face-to-face cohort meetings*
- *Five (5) virtual cohort meetings (via cohort classroom discussion board and/or social media)*

What are your thoughts on this requirement and, if selected, do you agree to attend these required meetings?

Short-Answer Essay Questions

*****If needed, please visit the Writing Center for assistance in completing the short-answer essay questions.***
Minimum 150 / Maximum 300 words for each question.**

1. Why are you pursuing a STEM degree and what are your career goals?

2. What challenges will you face in your educational pursuits and what are some strategies for overcoming them?

3. Why should we select you for the S-STARS scholarship program?

Disclaimer and Signature

- I certify that my answers and statements herein are true to the best of my knowledge.*
- I grant my permission for the information contained herein to be shared with the scholarship selection committee and the scholarship donor.*
- I understand my name and information from my academic history may be released to the scholarship selection committee and the scholarship donor.*
- If awarded the scholarship, I release to Daytona State College and S-STARS Scholarship Program, the right to use my name, story, and picture for printed and video materials, reports, and press releases, without compensation.*
- If awarded the scholarship, I understand that false or misleading information in my application may result in my release from the scholarship program.*
- If awarded the scholarship, I understand that I must maintain my eligibility throughout my course of study in order to receive the scholarship and must attend all of the required meetings as outlined in the application.*

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Financial Aid Office Use Only:

Financial Aid Office Signature: _____ Date: _____ Applicant GPA: _____

S-STARS Selection Committee Use Only:

Committee Signature: _____ Date: _____ Term Start: _____