



STEM Innovators Scholarship Application

National Society of Black Engineers Potomac River Professionals Chapter

The National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Potomac River Professionals Chapter is pleased to announce our annual STEM Innovators Scholarship sponsored by Mr. Dwayne Nelson. Mr. Nelson recognizes the value of lifelong learning and supports those that are seeking to obtain and enhance their knowledge through higher education.

The purpose of the STEM Innovators Scholarship is to continue the NSBE Potomac River Professional Chapter's mission to "increase the number of culturally responsible black engineers who excel academically". By awarding a scholarship to assist with high school graduating senior's education they can "succeed professionally and positively impact the community."

The STEM Innovators Scholarship will award \$1000 to one high school student in the Dahlgren, King George, Caroline, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, Northern Neck of Virginia, or Southern Maryland (St. Mary's County, Calvert County, and Charles County) areas seeking a degree in the Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematic (STEM) fields.

This is a non-recurring scholarship.

How To Apply

Who may apply:

- Current graduating high school seniors in Dahlgren, King George, Caroline, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, Northern Neck of Virginia, or Southern Maryland (St. Mary's County, Calvert County, and Charles County) areas
- Must be an African-American student
- Majoring in Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics
- GPA of at least 2.5 or higher

When to apply: January 1st - April 30th

How to apply: Complete and forward your NSBE Scholarship Application to:

National Society of Black Engineers Potomac River Professionals
PO Box 1721
Dahlgren, VA 22448

Or

Apply online at: <http://nsbepotomacriver.org/>

Note: If you submit your application online, you must still have your official transcript mailed to the address above.

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STEM Innovators Scholarship Guidelines:

Step 1: Application Process (January 1st - April 30th)

Application includes:

- Name, address, telephone and email address
- Parent or Guardian Name, telephone, and email address
- Name of High School and address
- Current GPA
- Official High School transcript
- Two (2) letters of recommendation from a non-family member
- Current headshot of yourself; digital or hard copy.
- Name of University or College applying to
- STEM field of choice to study
- Submit a 500 words or less written essay on “**How do I plan on using my education to positively impact the community?**”

Step 2: Decision Process

NSBE Potomac River Professional Chapter Executive Board evaluates the application request using the Evaluation Rubric. Evaluation will take place **May 1st – 24th**.

Step 3: Acknowledgement Letter

The selected recipient will receive a letter acknowledging the award amount by the first week of June. The recipient must provide an official letter from the university or college of acceptance to NSBE Potomac River Professional Chapter by **June 30th**.

Step 4: Award

The STEM Innovators Scholarship recipient will be honored at NSBE Potomac River Professional Chapter End-of-Year Awards ceremony in July.

Step 5: Scholarship Disbursement

Awarded scholarship funds will be sent to the university or college in the name of the recipient and must be used within one year or the award will be forfeited.

Email scholarship@nsbepotomacriver.org for any questions, comments, or concerns.

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Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ E-mail _____

High School Name and Address _____

Name of Parent or Guardian _____

Parent Telephone _____ E-mail _____

Current GPA _____

Name of University or College _____

STEM Field of Choice _____

Essay Topic: “How do I plan on using my education to positively impact the community?”

In order for applications to be considered, applicants must follow the guidelines below:

- Must be a graduating African-American high school senior, residing in Dahlgren, King George, Caroline, Stafford, Spotsylvania, Fredericksburg, Northern Neck of Virginia, or Southern Maryland (St. Mary's County, Calvert County, and Charles County) areas.
- Submit a copy of an official transcript showing a GPA of at least 2.5 or higher.
- Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from a non-family member.
- Provide a current headshot of yourself; digital or hard copy.
- Application must be completed and accompanied by a 500 words or less written essay on “**How do I plan on using my education to positively impact the community?**”
- The essay should be typed, double-spaced, and on white paper.
- Application and essay must be grammatically correct before submitting.
- Submit application by the deadline of April 30th.
- At the time of submitting application, the applicant must have applied for admission to an accredited college or university in a degree program in one of the STEM fields.
- Include only materials and documents requested.
- One scholarship will be awarded in the amount of \$1000.
- Awarded scholarship funds will be sent to the university or college in the name of the recipient and must be used within (1) one year or the award will be forfeited.

Note: Essays entered become the property of NSBE Potomac River Professionals Chapter and may be used in educational and advertising programs.

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