



SciMath Scholarship

APPLICATION

Normandale
community college

National Science Foundation Scholarship Opportunity

Thank you for your interest in applying for the SciMath Scholarship.

Through a generous grant from the National Science Foundation, scholarships are available for up to \$4000 per year (up to \$5400 when enrolled in 16 credits) per year to full-time students intending to major in the STEM fields of Science (Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, or Computer Science), Technology (Computer Technology or Nanotechnology), Engineering, or Mathematics. Scholarships are renewable.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS: Scholarship applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen, national, or alien admitted as a refugee, or alien lawfully admitted for permanent residence at the time of application.
- Have unmet financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education and determined by the Normandale Financial Aid & Scholarship Office (based on FAFSA results).
- Be accepted for admission to Normandale Community College.
- Enroll in 12 or more credit hours per term. **All credits MUST be taken at Normandale.**
- Declare intent to major in one of the STEM fields listed above.
- Demonstrate academic merit based on GPA (3.0 minimum in high school or previous college work), letters of recommendation, a personal essay, Accuplacer test scores and transcripts from high school or college with special consideration given to grades in STEM areas.

MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS: Scholarship recipients will:

- Enroll in courses relevant to their declared STEM major.
- Meet regularly with a faculty mentor.
- Maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 each semester.
- Students awarded a scholarship after July 1, 2008 must enroll at least once in a one-credit colloquium course during their time on SciMath support.

APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

- Apply for Financial Aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the current academic year at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Please visit the Financial Aid website at www.normandale.edu/financialaid for detailed information on completing the application process. The Financial Aid Office must have received the results of your FAFSA from the Central Processor for your SciMath Scholarship application to be considered.
- Complete all sections of the SciMath Scholarship Application.
- Compose a 250-word essay explaining the reasons for choosing your particular STEM, your career goals, and your plans for future study.
- Obtain two letters of recommendation. One letter must be from a teacher with whom you have studied. The other can be from another teacher or a counselor, advisor or professional person such as an employer, who can attest to your potential in your chosen field of study.
- Obtain transcripts of previous academic work. Students entering Normandale from high school must submit an unofficial high school transcript with the application. Transfer students must submit unofficial transcripts from all colleges previously attended with the application.
- Mail or bring all the required materials (SciMath Scholarship application, essay, letters of recommendation and academic transcripts) to the Normandale Financial Aid & Scholarship Office, Room C1074, 9700 France Avenue South, Bloomington, MN 55431.

Note: Applications will be reviewed in May, August and January as long as funds are available.

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Spring 2010 SciMath Scholarship APPLICATION

I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: _____ Phone No. _____

Last First MI

Address: _____

Street City State ZIP

Social Security Number: _____ (NCC uses SSN for student identification purposes. Providing your SSN is voluntary. If you do not provide this number, your application will still be processed. This data is requested for purposes of administration, program evaluation and consumer and alumni data. Your SSN also may be used to create summary information about MnSCU programs through data matched with other state agencies.)

Email address: _____ NCC Tech ID: _____

Providing the following demographic information is voluntary. This information will assist NCC in evaluating student recruitment and retention policies. Scholarships are funded by donors and they often give these scholarships with the intent that they are awarded to students who meet very specific criteria. Please review the following criteria carefully and check any item that applies to you:

Male Female Are you Hispanic or Latino? Yes No

Racial Background (select one or more) Asian Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander

American Indian or Alaskan Native White Black or African American

Are you a new student (never attended Normandale)? Yes No

Are you planning on enrolling in 12 or more credits per semester **at Normandale**? Yes No

Program of Study at NCC: _____ Expected date of NCC graduation: _____

Name of High School: _____ Year of HS Graduation: _____

All previous college(s) attended: _____

II. ESSAY

Word process or type on a separate sheet a 250-word essay explaining the reasons for choosing your particular STEM field: Science (Biology, Chemistry, Geology, Physics, or Computer Science), Technology (Computer Technology or Nanotechnology), Engineering, or Mathematics, your career goals and your plans for future study.

III. CERTIFICATION

The information contained within this application is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that misrepresentation or fraudulent information may be grounds for loss of scholarship funds and/or required repayment.

I also understand that my application WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED if my application and essay are not completed as instructed, if my two letters of recommendation, essay and academic transcripts are not attached and if the Normandale Financial Aid & Scholarship Office has not received the results of my FAFSA from the Central Processor by the time this scholarship application is reviewed.

If named a recipient, I authorize Normandale Community College to release any non private information listed in this application to the National Science Foundation. I also understand that I need to keep my contact information current with Normandale for at least four years.

Applicant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

INTAKE:

ISIR Essay 2 Letters of Recommendation Academic Transcripts: HS
Prior Colleges

REVIEW:

US Citizen EFC: _____
Eligible Non-Citizen Financial Need: _____ Current Full-time Enrollment Yes No
Gift Aid: _____ DOB: _____ (09/08)