

**National Science Foundation S-STEM Scholarship Application**  
*Ensuring Success for First Generation and Rural College STEM Students*

UNM Valencia has been awarded a National Science Foundation S-STEM grant with a goal of increasing the number of underrepresented students pursuing and completing degrees in science, technology, engineering, and math. Approximately 30 scholarships will be available per year ranging from \$3,000 to \$10,000 per year depending on individual demonstrated financial need.

**Scholarship Benefits:**

- You will be among a cohort of students recognized for excellence in academic coursework.
- You will receive the support of a faculty mentor who will guide you through your educational career.
- You will receive support and guidance through UNIV 175, a one credit hour Experiential Learning Seminar to reinforce classroom learning.
- You will have a STEM advisor to guide you through your program and provide enhanced transfer assistance.
- You may have internship opportunities with area companies related to your chosen major.

**Qualifications:**

- You must remain a full-time student by completing 12 or more credit hours each fall and spring semester.
- You must be a U.S. citizen, a national of the U.S., or an alien lawfully admitted to the U.S. for permanent residence.
- You must have a declared major leading to a certificate or associate's degree in Computer Aided Drafting, Information Technology, Construction Technology, or Digital Media Arts or an associate's degree in General Science or Pre-Engineering. *Medical or health care fields are not eligible.*
- You must demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education for need-based federal financial assistance.
- You must agree to enroll in *UNIV 175: Experiential Learning Seminar* (1 cr) to reinforce your classroom learning.
- You must maintain a 2.67 GPA in STEM classes and meet satisfactory academic progress as defined by the U.S. Department of Education. The first scholarship semester will be probationary; supplemental instruction (SI) attendance for STEM courses will be required.
- You must plan to graduate with a certificate or associate's degree in Computer Aided Drafting (AASCAD), Construction Technology (AASCT), Digital Media Arts (AASDMA), or Information Technology (AASIT), or graduate with an associate's degree in Pre-Engineering (ASPENG) or General Science (ASGS).



**Application Submission Requirements for students returning after being out of school more than one year:**

1. Complete this application, **and**:
2. Attach a 500 word essay describing your career aspirations and academic ability and explaining how this scholarship will help you in achieve your goals;
3. Submit an unofficial college transcript.

**Application Submission Requirements for current UNM-V students with a declared major in General Science, Pre-Engineering, CAD, Construction Technology, Information Technology, or Digital Media Arts:**

1. Complete this application, **and**:
2. Attach a 500 word essay describing your career aspirations and academic ability and explaining how this scholarship will help you achieve your goals;
3. Recommended for fall 2011 applicants: submit one evaluation form from a UNM Valencia STEM instructor that addresses your academic potential and potential for success;
4. Submit an unofficial college transcript.

**Students seeking a second year of the scholarship through this program will be required to be show satisfactory academic progress toward a certificate or an associate degree in the original STEM declared major. Students must maintain a 2.67 GPA in their STEM classes, maintain full-time status, and pass all course work necessary to complete their degree.**

Please consider me for the scholarship indicated. I certify that the information I have provided is true and correct to the best of my knowledge. I give consent to the scholarship committee to review my academic and financial status. I further understand that if I am selected, I am required to maintain all eligibility requirements or my scholarship will be terminated.

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*Signature*

*Date*

**Application Deadline:  
FALL – August 15, 2011**

If you have any further questions, please contact:

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Completed applications can be delivered to the Financial Aid Office, UNM Valencia Campus or mailed to:

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