

About S-STEM Scholarship

The National Science Foundation has awarded an S-STEM grant to Norwalk Community College.

The main goal of the S-STEM program is to enable low-income students with academic ability, talent, or potential to pursue successful careers in promising STEM fields. Over its 5-year duration at NCC, this project will fund scholarships of up to \$10,000 to 21 unique students enrolled at least half-time and pursuing associate's degrees in Engineering Science.

Recognizing that financial aid alone cannot increase retention and graduation in STEM, the program not only provides scholarships, but also adapts, implements, and studies evidence-based curricular and co-curricular activities that have been shown to be effective in supporting recruitment, retention, and transfer of students.

For more information about the NSF S-STEM program:

<https://new.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/nsf-scholarships-science-technology-engineering>

For more information about the NCC S-STEM award:

<https://norwalk.edu/engineering/scholarship>

We appreciate you taking the time to provide a recommendation letter to the applicant.

About the recommendation letter

We ask you to please include the following information in your recommendation letter:

- Applicant's full name
- How long have you known the applicant, and in what capacity
- Your name, contact information, role, and signature

We are specifically interested in knowing about the applicant's:

- Diligence, persistence, and response to setbacks
- Personality traits that ensure their success
- Commitment to higher education in general and NCC in particular
- Motivation and educational and career aspirations
- Work habits, study skills, and learning strategies that make them a successful student

We appreciate it if you could write about any or all of these qualities based on your interaction with the applicant. Providing examples to support your assessments would help us know the applicant better.