



*National Science Foundation Scholarships
in
Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM)*

Mt. SAC STEM Scholars Program

Offers 40 scholarships each year

for up to

\$5,800

per scholarship per year

for up to 2 years!

Scholarships vary from \$2,400 to \$5,800 per scholarship.

Awards will be determined
on the basis of *Academic Merit* and *Financial Need*.

Application Deadline: April 30, 2009

Application can be downloaded from: <http://www.mtsac.edu/instruction/sciences/promos/sstem.html>

Return the completed application to either Dr. Nejad or Dr. Chen in the Chemistry Department (7-2108C).

Applications received after the deadline will be considered based on scholarship availability.

If you are interested, please contact:

- (1) Mt. SAC's Financial Aid Office & complete a **FAFSA application** for 2009-2010 As Soon As Possible.
and
- (2) Complete the **STEM Scholarship application** (see one of the following professors for further details):

Prof. Iraj Nejad (Chemistry): inejad@mtsac.edu

Prof. Jenny Chen (Chemistry): jchen@mtsac.edu

Prof. Virginia Pascoe (Biology): vpascoe@mtsac.edu

Prof. Heidi Parra (Math): hparra@mtsac.edu

Prof. Mark Cooper (Biology): mcooper@mtsac.edu

Prof. Vahe Tatoian (Phys./Eng.): vtatoian@mtsac.edu

A WEALTH OF OPPORTUNITIES.....

Mt. SAC's STEM Scholars Program will award up to 40 scholarships in Fall 2009 to *academically talented but financially needy* full-time students interested in obtaining an associate degree in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) or transfer to a four-year university to attain higher education degrees in STEM disciplines.

Thanks to a \$600,000 grant from the National Science Foundation, you have the following opportunities in STEM majors at Mt. SAC:

- Receive an **academic scholarship up to \$2800 per year** to financially support your education.
- Receive **individual advising, mentoring and academic support** by experienced STEM faculty throughout the year to succeed in your education.
- Become part of a STEM learning community.
- Attend group study and problem-solving sessions led by experienced students for major-level STEM courses.
- Receive an additional **research scholarship for \$3000** during summer to participate in an undergraduate research program at a neighboring four-year institution including UCLA, UC Irvine, Cal State Los Angeles, Cal State Fullerton or the JPL.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

To be eligible for an *academic scholarship*, the student must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen, a national, a refugee alien, or a permanent resident at the time of application
- Demonstrate unmet financial need as determined by the completed FAFSA application
- Be a full-time student (12 credit units) *planning to major* in a STEM discipline
- Maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of **2.5** at the time of application
- Be within 1-2 years of obtaining an associate degree in STEM or transfer to a four-year university to attain a higher education degree in STEM disciplines
- Be enrolled in majors-level STEM courses at Mt. SAC (eligible courses apply, see Dr. Nejad or Dr. Chen)
- Demonstrate academic potential based on GPA and grades received in science and math courses at Mt. SAC.

*All students selected to receive the scholarships must attend an “*orientation meeting*” prior to the start of the Fall 2009 semester. Further details about the program will be provided at that meeting. The date for the orientation will be announced at a later time.

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