

AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship

The American Meteorological Society is pleased to announce the AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship program, open to all high school students and designed to encourage study in the atmospheric and related sciences. Serving as a unique example of various sectors of our field joining together to support young, talented minds, the scholarships are being sponsored by partners in industry and the government, as well as through named scholarships either established by an AMS member or in memory of someone. The sponsors of these scholarships have all recognized the importance in encouraging young people to enter into the atmospheric and related sciences and thus have made generous contributions in support of the 2012 AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

Eligibility requirements:

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold permanent resident status.
- Applicants must be entering their freshman year of college in the fall of 2012 as a full-time student and plan to pursue a degree in the atmospheric or related oceanic or hydrologic sciences.
- Students eligible to apply for **both** the AMS Minority Scholarship Program and the AMS Freshman Scholarship Program may apply to both programs, but may only accept one AMS scholarship.

Evaluation and Selection

The evaluation of applicants will be based on applicant's performance in high school, including academic records, recommendation, scores from a national college exam, and a written essay. Selections will be made by the AMS Executive Committee based on recommendations from the AMS Committee of Judges for Undergraduate Awards. The AMS does not prepare written evaluations of either successful or unsuccessful candidates.

Stipend

The scholarship stipend is \$5000, awarding \$2500 each year (for the freshman and sophomore years). The second-year funding is dependent on successful completion of the first year. AMS may terminate a scholarship when a student is no longer in good academic standing, when a student is no longer a full-time student, or when a student is no longer enrolled in a program preparing for a degree in the atmospheric and related oceanic or hydrologic sciences, as determined by AMS.

Application Procedures

A completed application package includes:

- a completed application form
- an official high school transcript showing grades from the past three years
- a letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or guidance counselor
- a copy of scores from an SAT or similar national college entrance exam

Postmark Deadline: 10 February 2012

**2012 AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship Program
APPLICATION FORM**

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) Freshman Scholarships help support the college educations of students who intend to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The two-year scholarships, funded by industry, one government agency, and AMS members, are for \$2500 for a nine-month period in the freshman year and an additional \$2500 for a nine-month period in the sophomore year. Second year funding depends on successful completion of the first academic year. Students who will be entering their freshman year of college in fall 2012 are eligible to apply. The application, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by **10 February 2012**. The announcement of winners is expected to be made in May 2012. (The AMS does not prepare written evaluations of either successful or unsuccessful candidates.)

Please note that all seven sections must be completed and all supporting materials submitted in order for your application to be considered.

1. Personal information. Type or clearly print the following information in the blanks provided.

Name (last) _____ (first) _____ (middle initial) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip+4 _____ Phone: (area code) _____ - _____ - _____

E-mail address (if available) _____ Date of Birth _____

Are you a citizen of the United States? Yes _____ No _____ If not, do you have a permanent visa? Yes _____ No _____

Name of your high school _____ Phone: (area code) _____ - _____ - _____

2. Grades and Scores.

GPA _____ SAT scores: Writing _____ Math _____ Critical Reading _____ ACT average composite score: _____

Enclose a recent **official** transcript showing courses and grades for the past three years and a copy of your SAT or ACT scores.

Highest Level of Math taken to date: _____

3. Recommendation. Have one of your teachers or guidance counselors write a letter of recommendation supporting your application on school stationery, seal it an envelope for confidentiality, and enclose it with your application.

4. Colleges/Universities and Anticipated Course of Study. List the colleges and/or universities to which you have applied or to which you are applying, and your anticipated course of study. **You must be entering your undergraduate studies with the intent on pursuing a career in the atmospheric or related oceanic or hydrologic sciences.**

School

Major

5. Essay. Write a short essay (approximately 500 words) on the following theme and *enclose* it with your application. Half of the application evaluation will be based on this essay.

Question: Describe how you believe your college education, and what you learn in the atmospheric and related sciences, will help you to serve society during your professional career?

6. Submission of application materials. Application packages must be postmarked by **10 February 2012**.

Send your complete application package to: AMS, Attn: Freshman Scholarship Program
45 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108

Direct any questions to Donna Fernandez, (617) 226-3907 or Stephanie Armstrong (617)226-3906

7. Signature. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct:

(sign) _____