

## **AMS/Industry Minority Scholarships**

The AMS/Industry Minority Scholarships will award funding to minority students who have been traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American students. Funding for the scholarships is provided by industry and through donations made by members to the AMS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Campaign.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Minority students who will be entering their freshman year of college in the fall of 2008 are eligible to apply.

Students must plan to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences.

### **STIPEND**

The two-year scholarship is for \$3000 per year (second-year funding depends on successful completion of the first academic year).

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURES**

Students must include, with 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, and a copy of scores from an SAT or similar national college entrance exam. *All original materials should mail to the closest Local Chapter listed at the bottom of the application. Photo copies of the application, transcripts, and essay should mail to AMS, Attn: Minority Scholarship, 45 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.*

Applicant must be entering his or her freshman year in the fall of 2008 to be eligible to apply. Application packages must be postmarked no later than 22 February 2008.



# 2008/2009 AMS/Industry Minority Scholarships APPLICATION FORM

The American Meteorological Society (AMS) Minority Scholarships help support the college educations of minority students traditionally underrepresented in the sciences, especially Hispanic, Native American, and Black/African American students, who intend to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. The two-year scholarships, funded by industry and through donations made by members to the AMS 21<sup>st</sup> Century Campaign, are for \$3000 for a nine-month period in the freshman year and an additional \$3000 for a nine-month period in the sophomore year. Second year funding depends on successful completion of the first academic year. Minority students who will be entering their freshman year of college in fall 2008 are eligible to apply. The applications, including all supporting materials, must be postmarked by 22 February 2008. The announcement of winners is expected to be made in early May 2008. (The AMS does not prepare written evaluations of either successful or unsuccessful candidates.)

**Please note that all eight sections must be completed and all supporting materials enclosed in order for your application to be considered.**

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

Name (last) \_\_\_\_\_ (first) \_\_\_\_\_ (middle initial) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ 9 digit Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (area code) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address (if available please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Ethnic group (You may select more than one racial category.):

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Black or African American
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino
- Other (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

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) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

Complete address of your high school \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Grades and Scores.** Your grade point average \_\_\_\_\_ Your SAT scores: Verbal \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a recent **official** transcript showing courses and grades for the past three years and a copy of your SAT scores. If you have not taken the SAT exam, *enclose* the scores of any similar national test (such as ACT) you have taken.

**3. Recommendation.** Have one of your teachers or guidance counselors write a letter of recommendation supporting your application on school stationery, seal it in an envelope for confidentiality, and enclose it with your application. You do not need to send a copy of this letter to AMS.

**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 and related oceanic or hydrologic sciences.**

School

Major

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**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.

**Theme.** The environment is undergoing measurable changes on a global scale, some caused by human activities. Atmospheric scientists must describe, understand, and predict atmospheric conditions in the changing environment. How would you use your college education in atmospheric science (or a closely related field) to make your community a better place in which to live?

**6.** The local chapters of the AMS listed below have agreed to serve as points of collection and initial screening for all applications. **Send your complete application package to the local chapter listed below that is closest to you.** Send a **photocopy** of this form, transcripts, and your essay to the AMS, Attn: Minority Scholarship, 45 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108. Application packages must be postmarked by **22 February 2008**. Direct any questions to Donna Sampson, (617) 227-2426 ext. 246 or Stephanie Armstrong, (617) 227-2426 ext. 235.

**7. Place a check in the box next to the address of the local chapter to which you are sending your complete application package.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Lisa Reed<br><b>Anchorage Alaska Chapter</b><br>6930 Sand Lake Road<br>Anchorage, AK 99502                                 | <input type="checkbox"/> Allison Schauer<br><b>Wright Memorial Chapter</b><br>1319 Windsor Drive<br>Beavercreek, OH 45434                    | <input type="checkbox"/> Virginia Bigler-Engler<br><b>San Diego Chapter</b><br>9739 Caminito Pudregal<br>San Diego, CA 92131-2105   | <input type="checkbox"/> John Lasley<br><b>Washington, D.C. Chapter</b><br>3708 Millbank Court<br>Fairfax, VA 22031 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Anthony Yanez<br><b>Houston Chapter</b><br>KPRC Local 2 Severe Weather Team<br>8181 Southwest Freeway<br>Houston, TX 77074 | <input type="checkbox"/> Alan Gerard<br><b>Jackson Chapter</b><br>National Weather Service<br>234 Weather Service Drive<br>Jackson, MS 39232 | <input type="checkbox"/> Derek Ort<br><b>Greater Miami Chapter</b><br>University of Miami-RSMAS<br>Div. Of Meteorology & Physical Oceanography<br>4600 Rickenbacker Causeway<br>Miami, FL 33149 |   |

**8. Signature.** I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the above information is correct: (sign) \_\_\_\_\_