S-STEM Scholar Application for 2015 – 2016
Eastern Washington University
College of Science, Health and Engineering

The College of Science, Health and Engineering is pleased to provide scholarship support to nine students for the 2015-2016 academic year.

Be sure to read all directions carefully and complete all application components. The scholar portions of the application and the confidential letters of recommendation must be received by **Friday February 20, 2015**.

Please mail or hand-deliver one paper copy of each application component to:

Dr. Joanna Joyner-Matos  
Department of Biology  
Eastern Washington University  
258 Science Building  
Cheney, WA 99004

The **scholar components** of the application, due February 20th:
- Complete cover sheet (pages 3-4 of this packet), with original signature; if necessary you may attach additional pages to answer the questions.
- Separate sheet with personal essay (see page 4 for instructions).
- Unofficial transcripts of all college-level coursework.
- A 2015-2016 Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with EWU.

The **recommendation components** of the application, due February 20th:
- **Two** letters of recommendation submitted on your behalf.
  - At least one of the letters must be from a college-level instructor.
  - The letters must be confidential, have an original signature, and be provided in sealed envelopes with your name on the front.
  - Please inform those who are writing your letters that the letters should address your interest in and aptitude for STEM fields and your ability to work with others.

This application and additional information about the S-STEM program is available at: [http://access.ewu.edu/joanna-joyner-matos/s-stem-program](http://access.ewu.edu/joanna-joyner-matos/s-stem-program). Please feel free to contact Dr. Joyner-Matos at jmatos@ewu.edu with any questions.
Overview to the S-STEM program
The “Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics” (S-STEM) program at EWU supports student success by providing scholarship, academic, and career development support to STEM students with financial needs, enabling them to focus on their studies rather than on outside employment.

The EWU S-STEM program supports juniors and seniors who are pursuing degrees in Biology, Biochemistry, or Environmental Science. Students in preclinical programs (including medicine, dental, veterinary medicine, medical laboratory science, etc.) are not eligible.

S-STEM scholars will receive up to $7,000 per year (depending on their unmet financial need) for two years and are required to maintain a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 and to participate in monthly activities that will include faculty advising, community service, career services counseling, and professional development activities with our agency and industry partners.

Required qualifications
To be eligible for an S-STEM scholarship, applicants must:

• be US citizens or eligible non-citizens: defined as US nationals as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act, aliens admitted as refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or aliens lawfully admitted to the US for permanent residence.
• be enrolled full time and declared in a baccalaureate degree program in Biology (other than preclinical), Biochemistry, or Environmental Science
• demonstrate financial need as defined by your FAFSA information
• complete the BIOL 171, 172, 173 introductory sequence prior to the start of scholarship support (Fall 2015)
• demonstrate academic potential with a cumulative grade point average ≥ 3.0

Preferred qualifications
Preference will be given to applicants who:

• are members of groups that are traditionally underrepresented in STEM fields
• are first generation college students (neither parent completed a four-year college degree)
• have the greatest financial need
• exhibit academic merit
• exhibit engagement with the discipline (motivation) as evidenced by their essay and recommendation letters
• exhibit professionalism by submitting applications that are complete, with correct grammar and spelling
NSF S-STEM SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION COVER FORM

Complete this form using black ink or type into an electronic version of the form and print it out. Sign your name using black or blue ink. All portions of this form must be completed. All information is confidential and will only be shared with members of the S-STEM committee and NSF. If you are concerned about any questions asked on this form, please discuss them with the S-STEM Program Director, 359-2361.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Name ___________________________________________ EWU ID# __________________
Last, First, M.I.

Street ___________________________ City ________________________________

State _______________ Zip Code _______________ Home Phone _______________________

Email Address ___________________________ Date of Birth _______________________

Present Status: Check all that apply

Full-time undergraduate student ___ Part-time undergraduate student ___ Other ___
Degree seeking _____ Non-degree seeking _____

U.S. Active Service/Veteran _____

Citizenship: US Citizen _____ Eligible non-citizen _____ Other _____

Residency: In-state _____ Out-of-State _____ Other _____

College or University attended prior to attending EWU _______________________
(if you attended another school) Dates of enrollment ______________________ GPA _____

Declared major: Biology (other than preclinical) _____ Biochemistry _____

Environmental Science _____

Year in school (Fall, 2015): Sophomore _____ Junior _____ Senior _____

Anticipated graduation date (quarter, year) ______________________ Current GPA _____

I will take 12 or more credits at EWU in Fall, 2015. Yes _____ No _____

Gender (optional) _______________ Ethnicity (optional) ______________________

Did either of your parents complete a four-year college degree? Yes ___ No ___ Unsure ___

ACADEMIC/EXTRACURRICULAR INFORMATION

(You may attach additional pages, if necessary, to respond to the Academic/Extracurricular questions.)

Major academic interests: ________________________________________________

Career interests: _______________________________________________________

Educational goals: ______________________________________________________
Awards/honors: _____________________________________________________________

Extracurricular activities: ______________________________________________________

List other science-related programs in which you have participated: __________________________

Briefly detail your previous work experience (if any): _______________________________________

OTHER REQUIRED APPLICATION COMPONENTS

I have a 2015-2016 Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA) on file with EWU. Yes___ No ___

I have requested that two confidential letters of recommendation, at least one of which is from a college-level instructor, will be received by February 20, 2015. Yes___ No___

I have included unofficial copies of all college transcripts. Yes___ No ___

I have attached on a separate sheet a personal essay (typed or printed clearly; 250 – 300 words) in which I discuss my plans for entering the workforce or graduate school and how participating in the S-STEM program will help me meet my goals. Yes___ No___

Permission for release of academic records and general information

1. I hereby certify that the information provided here is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

2. I authorize EWU to release the information contained within this application, including academic and personal information, to the EWU S-STEM committee members and to the National Science Foundation.

3. I understand that receiving a scholarship award may affect my existing 2015-2016 financial aid award.

4. I understand that only complete applications submitted by the deadline will be considered.

5. I understand that meeting the criteria and submitting a complete application does not assure that I will receive a scholarship.

Signature ___________________________ Date ______________________

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