



DORDT UNIVERSITY

RU-STEM Scholars Program Scholarship

Dordt University seeks to reduce the barriers to success for academically talented students with financial need in engineering, mathematics, and computer science, and to diversify the pool of highly qualified professionals joining the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) workforce, through the RU-STEM Scholars Program funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

This program recruits incoming undergraduate students to the STEM disciplines by providing support in the form of cohort activities to foster academic success as well as a tuition scholarship. The RU-STEM Scholars Program is awarding scholarships up to a maximum of \$10,000/year for tuition to incoming students.

Cohort activities include workshops, matched mentoring, seminars, research opportunities, conferences, and several other curricular and co-curricular activities.

The selection criteria includes:

- Majoring in engineering, mathematics, or computer science
- Full-time student status and acceptance at Dordt University
- US citizenship, nationality, or permanent residency
- Minimum high school cumulative grade point average of 3.5
- Submission of essay responses
- Financial need as defined by FAFSA submission

These one-year scholarships require the following criteria to maintain eligibility:

- Pursuing an eligible major in any of the following fields: engineering, mathematics, or computer science
- Full-time student status
- Minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average
- Participation in cohort activities whenever possible, for grant research
- Live on campus

Application and essays must be emailed or postmarked by **December 1** to one of the following addresses:

Mail to: Scholarships Office

Dordt University

700 7th St NE

Sioux Center, IA 51250

Email: schowork@dordt.edu

Fax: (712) 722-6035 - Attn: Scholarships Office

Name: _____
Last Name First Name Middle Initial

Address: _____
Street/Rural Route City State/Province Zip/Postal Code

Anticipated Major: _____ Cumulative GPA: _____ ACT/SAT Score: _____

Essay Questions:

1. Please write a brief essay (400 words max) describing what motivates you to pursue undergraduate study and a future career in engineering, mathematics, or computer science.
2. What are your short-term and long range professional plans (100 words max)?
3. Give a brief biographical sketch of yourself (150 words max).
4. Why do you feel you should be selected to be a Dordt University RU-STEM Scholar? Specify, for example, the personal circumstances supporting your (financial) need for this scholarship and how this program and scholarship will assist in your education (100 words max).