

AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship

The AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship Program is open to high school students pursuing an undergraduate degree in the atmospheric or related oceanic or hydrologic sciences. The scholarships are sponsored by industry and through the support of AMS members. The sponsors of these scholarships recognize the importance of encouraging young people to pursue a career in the AMS related sciences thus have made generous contributions in support of the 2016 AMS Freshman Undergraduate Scholarship Program.

Awards are based on academic merit, faculty recommendations, and a written essay that demonstrates their desire to enter into an atmospheric or related sciences academic 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 2016 as a full-time student and plan to pursue a degree in the atmospheric or related oceanic or hydrologic sciences. *Marine biology does not meet this requirement.*
- Students eligible to apply for this scholarship may also apply to the AMS Minority Scholarship Program if you meet all the requirements, including minority status, but may only accept one scholarship if selected for both.

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

(Submit only the requested documents; *additional documents will not be considered e.g. resume, etc.*)

A completed application package includes (**Please do not staple documents**):

- 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 (**one only**)
- a copy of scores from an SAT or similar national college entrance exam

Postmark Deadline: 5 February 2016



2016 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 and AMS members, are \$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 2016 are eligible to apply. The application must be postmarked by **5 February 2016**. Supporting materials may arrive two weeks after this date. The announcement of winners is expected to be made in May 2016. (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 in 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 **5 February 2016**. *Supporting materials may arrive up to two weeks after the deadline.* 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) _____