

## **AMS Minority Scholarships**

The AMS 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 donations made by members to the AMS Giving Program.

### ELIGIBILITY

- Applicants must be U.S. citizens or hold permanent resident status.
- Minority students who will be entering their freshman year of college in the fall of 2016 are eligible to apply.
- Students must plan to pursue careers in the atmospheric or related oceanic and hydrologic sciences. *Marine Biology is not eligible.*
- Students eligible to apply for the AMS Minority Scholarship Program may also apply to the AMS Freshman Scholarship Program but can only accept one scholarship if selected for both.

### STIPEND

The \$6,000 two-year scholarship is for \$3000 per year during freshman and sophomore years (second-year funding depends on successful completion of the first academic year).

### APPLICATION PROCEDURES

*(additional documents will not be considered)*

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

- Completed application form
- An official high school transcript showing past three years
- One letter of recommendation from a high school teacher or guidance counselor
- A copy of scores from a SAT or similar national college entrance exam.

*Mail the completed application and supporting materials to AMS, Attn: Minority Scholarship Program, 45 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108.*

Potential candidates must be entering their freshman undergraduate year in the fall of 2016 to be eligible. All applications must be postmarked by **5 February 2016**. Supporting materials are allowed to arrive up to two weeks after the deadline.



2016 AMS Minority Scholarship Program 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...

Please note that all six sections must be completed and all required supporting materials sent by the required date 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 (please print clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

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

- Checkboxes for American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, Asian, Hispanic or Latino, and 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) \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Grades and Scores. GPA: \_\_\_\_\_ SAT scores: Writing \_\_\_\_\_ Math \_\_\_\_\_ Critical Reading \_\_\_\_\_ ACT composite score: \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose a recent official transcript showing courses and grades for the past three years and a copy of your SAT and/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 and related oceanic or hydrologic sciences.

Table with 2 columns: School, Major. Three rows for listing institutions.

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

Send your complete application package to: Minority Scholarship Program, 45 Beacon Street, Boston, MA 02108. Application packages must be postmarked by 5 February 2016. Supporting materials may arrive no later than two weeks after the application deadline date. Direct any questions to Donna Fernandez, (617) 226-3907, dfernandez@ametsoc.org.