

**STEM CONNECT Scholarship for Spring 2022  
Eligibility Requirements**

**Thank you for your interest in STEM CONNECT, a scholarship program for academically talented, low income students funded by the National Science Foundation. To receive a STEM CONNECT scholarship, a student must:**

- Be a U.S. citizen, national (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), alien admitted as refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence. Please note that Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) individuals are ineligible for support from this solicitation unless they meet the requirements listed in the first sentence of this bullet;
- Have begun college as a first-time freshman between Summer 2020 and Spring 2022;
- At UNL, be enrolled full time as a major in computer science, computer engineering, mathematics, or software engineering at the scholarship is awarded.
- At SCC or WNCC, be enrolled at least half-time in the Academic Transfer program and pursuing a program of study that will lead to an associate's degree or transfer to a four year institution with the intent to major in one of the following STEM disciplines:
  - Biological sciences (medicine, nursing, or other health/clinical fields are **NOT** qualified for the scholarship); biotechnology will be considered.
  - physical sciences, including physics, chemistry, astronomy, and materials science;
  - mathematical sciences;
  - computer and information sciences;
  - geosciences;
  - engineering;
  - or technology areas associated with the preceding fields (e.g., biotechnology, chemical technology, engineering technology, information technology)
  - Applicants to SCC studying Energy Generations, Nuclear power generation and Information Systems may apply if they intend to pursue STEM degree after their studies at SCC.
- Commit to a program of study that will build strengths in computer science and mathematics and to active participation in the STEM CONNECT Scholars Community.

We welcome your questions about the STEM CONNECT Scholars program. Some questions are answered on our Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) page:

- UNL: <https://scimath.unl.edu/stem-connect/faq/>
- SCC: <https://www.southeast.edu/stem-connect-faqs/>

You may also contact us at 402-472-8979 or [nebraskamath@unl.edu](mailto:nebraskamath@unl.edu).

Note: College credit earned while still a high school student does not disqualify a student from being considered for a STEM CONNECT Scholarship.

Note: For the STEM CONNECT program, financial need is determined by the U.S. Department of Education rules for need-based Federal financial aid as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) process.