Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium

STEM SCHOLARSHIP at BATC

$5,000 award for school related expenses

The Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium scholarship is available to students pursuing a BATC certificate in a STEM* field.

*STEM programs include Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in a BATC certificate program supportive of a STEM field or have a confirmed start date by the application deadline date
- Likelihood of academic success, obtaining STEM employment, and plans beyond enrollment continuing support of a STEM field
- Instructor/Mentor support
- Maintain minimum enrollment of 25 hours per week throughout program
- Maintain exceptional standards of progress and attendance
- Commitment to complete follow-up reporting requirements
- Recipient must be a US citizen
- Although not required to be such, preference given to female and underrepresented minority students

Deadline: March 31, 2015 & September 30, 2015

Selection may be limited to two recipients. Applications will be evaluated after the first deadline with new applications accepted and considered for the second deadline, if needed, and at the discretion of the scholarship review and selection committee(s). Application may close at any time without notice.

For more information:
BATC Financial Aid Office
1301 North 600 West
Logan, Utah 84321
750-3204, 750-3114, or 750-3279
Pam Tew, Student Relations 750-3268
Toll Free (866) 701-1100
SCHOLARSHIP INSTRUCTIONS:
The Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium has received a NASA grant for scholarships to be awarded to students attending colleges and applied technology campuses across Utah including students at Bridgerland Applied Technology College (BATC). The STEM scholarship at BATC is available to students enrolling in and completing a BATC certificate program* supportive of a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) field between October 2014 and August 31, 2016.

*BATC certificate programs eligible for this scholarship include those currently approved for federal financial aid purposes. See the Pell Grant Eligible Programs list available online at www.batc.edu

NASA Background
The intent of the scholarship awards under this grant is that the awardee will directly support the following Co-STEM priority areas of NASA:

1. “Enhance STEM Experience for Undergraduate Students”: understanding that students from various backgrounds may comprise high enrollment in community colleges and technical schools;
2. “Better Service Groups Historically Underrepresented in STEM Fields”: increase the number of students from groups that have been underrepresented in STEM fields that graduate with STEM degrees in the next 10 years and improve women’s participation in areas of STEM where they are significantly underrepresented.

The scholarships awarded under this NASA grant seek to:

1. Attract/retain more community college and technical college students into STEM-based academic programs;
2. Increase the number of students that complete their (2) year Associate’s degrees from a community college or Certificate from a technical school and obtain employment in a STEM career;
3. Increase the number of community college and technical college STEM graduates and transfers into four-year institutions.
4. Careful consideration will be given to female and underserved students studying in the STEM fields.

Eligible scholarship applicants must be:
1. U.S. Citizens
2. Within one or two academic years of completing their Associate’s Degree or Certificate or transferring into a four-year institution
3. Enrolled at Salt Lake Community College, Snow College or a campus of the Utah College of Applied Technology.

Selection for the STEM Scholarship at BATC may be limited to two recipients. Application deadline for the STEM Scholarship at BATC is March 31, 2015. Application(s) will be evaluated after this date with new applications accepted and considered for a second deadline of September 30, 2015, if needed, and at the discretion of the scholarship review and selection committee(s). Application may close at any time without notice. Awards will be made on a competitive basis to currently enrolled students and others who will begin and complete training within the grant period, and meeting the aforementioned requirements. Submission of
the application must be to the Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium, and selection of BATC scholarship awardees will be determined by the scholarship review and selection committee(s).

Scholarship awards made under this NASA grant may be for a total of $5,000 per student. The first payment of $2,500 will be applied to the student account, reserving funds to meet tuition, fees, book and supply costs for the STEM program in which the student is enrolled.

The second payment of $2,500 will be applied to the student account once the student has completed 50% of the required hours for the program in which they are enrolled, so long as – 1) the student demonstrates exceptional standards of progress and attendance and 2) the student provides a written summary of his/her successes to that point and goals and plans to complete training. This summary and a request for remaining funds should be submitted to the BATC Financial Aid Office within two weeks following completion of 50% of the required hours for the student’s program. Any funds not needed for educational costs required to complete training at BATC may be released to the student to assist in meeting living expenses.

Your application package should consist of the following five items:

1. The completed Scholarship Application Form (See following pages)
2. A letter written by you (no longer than one page) to the scholarship screening committee(s) describing your plans during the period of the NASA Space Grant scholarship award. Please describe all of the following and how it is supportive of a STEM field: your area of study, your goals while enrolled in school, and your plans beyond this enrollment
3. A letter from an instructor or mentor in your proposed field of study detailing your plan of study and the likelihood of success for your academic achievement, obtaining STEM employment, and/or transferring onto an advanced degree at a four-year institution, and plans beyond enrollment continue to support a STEM field. This letter should be emailed from the mentor directly to the Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Program Coordinator: kim.olson@utah.edu (See final page of Scholarship Application Form)
4. A letter of recommendation. This is in addition to the letter from the instructor or mentor (in item #3 above). It must be written by someone other than your Instructor/Mentor or relative, and should be supportive of the letter written by you and describe your character as one exceptionally worthy of this award.
5. A recent transcript (official or unofficial) of your enrollment at BATC or other post-secondary institution, or a high school transcript if you are an incoming student.

Please submit the completed package electronically to: Kim Olson (kim.olson@utah.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 31, 2015.
SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION FORM:
The Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium scholarship is available to students pursuing education in a STEM field. This application is for students currently enrolled, or those with a confirmed start date by the application deadline date, at Bridgerland Applied Technology College (BATC) in a BATC Certificate program supportive of a STEM field.

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If you are currently enrolled: Date you began training ___/___/____

Hours and Competencies completed to date

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Date you are scheduled to complete program _____/____ (month/year)

If you are not currently enrolled: Date you are scheduled to begin training ___/___/____
Instructor/Mentor Information

Instructor/Mentor (Name & Title): ____________________
Instructor/Mentor e-mail address: ____________________
Instructor/Mentor phone number: ____________________

Protected class status    The Consortium is required by NASA to report the following information for assessing the effectiveness of this program in recruiting students in technical disciplines, especially women and underrepresented minorities. The information may also play a part in the selection process by permitting affirmative action selections among otherwise equally qualified applicants. Thus, you are asked to complete applicable parts of this section.

I am □ Male OR I am □ Female

I am an Individual with disability(ies) □ Yes □ No

Mark all that apply:

___ African American ___ Asian ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic ___ Native American
___ Pacific Islander ___ Other, please specify: ________________________________

Statements and Signature    Initial each of the following statements, sign and date as indicated. NOTE: If any statement is not initialized your application will not be considered.

I certify that

_____ I am a citizen of the United States.

_____ I am or will be enrolled a minimum of 25 hours per week at BATC as a student with the intention of completing a BATC certificate supportive of STEM during the period from October 2014, to August 31, 2016. I understand that any change in my continuous enrollment status during the period of the scholarship may affect continuation of the scholarship.

_____ I understand that being awarded a NASA Space Grant scholarship will require ongoing communication via the Space Grant Consortium and me. I will respond to e-mails and provide up-to-date information in a timely manner about the status of my enrollment, certificate, and future plans during the course of this award.

_____ If awarded a UNSGC scholarship, I agree to provide information about my studies and/or employment on request beyond the term of this award. I understand this commitment extends beyond my enrollment at BATC. *(This is part of a NASA requirement to track the long-range effectiveness of the scholarship program.)*

Applicant Signature ____________________ Date ____________________
Complete this page and give it to the Instructor/Mentor you wish to complete item 3 of this application package.

Applicant Name: __________________________ ID# __________________________

Program/Certificate: ____________________________________________________________

Instructor/Mentor Name: _________________________________________________________

I am submitting an application for the Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium STEM Scholarship at Bridgerland Applied Technology College. As part of the application package I am required to have submitted a letter from my Instructor/Mentor in my proposed field of study.

The letter I am asking you to write should detail the following:
- Your relationship to me
- My plan of study
- My standard of progress and attendance
- My likelihood of success of my academic achievement
- My likelihood of obtaining STEM employment (and/or transferring onto an advanced degree at a four-year institution)
- My plans beyond enrollment continuing support of a STEM field
- My expected completion date and placement among my fellow student peers

This letter (and this page) must be emailed directly from my Instructor/Mentor to the Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Program Coordinator: kim.olson@utah.edu by the application deadline of March 31, 2015.

Should you have any questions about this scholarship, please contact me at __________________________ or call Jean in the BATC Financial Aid Office at x3204.

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Applicant Signature                  Date