



Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Announcement of Community Colleges & Technical Schools Scholarships

The Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium has received a NASA grant for scholarships to be awarded to students attending Salt Lake Community College, Snow College, and applied technology campuses across Utah within the Utah College of Applied Technology (UCAT) during 2015-2016. Eligible students must be pursuing a degree or certificate in a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering or Mathematics) field.

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 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.

Eligible scholarship applicants must be:

- (1) U.S. Citizens
- (2) Within one or two academic years of completing their Associate's Degree 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.

The scholarship application packages are due on March 1, 2016. Awards will be made to enrolled undergraduate students at SLCC, Snow, and UCAT campuses who are studying STEM fields. All recipients of these scholarship awards must be U.S. citizens. Scholarships will be awarded on a competitive basis. Selection of scholarship awardees will be made by an interdisciplinary committee comprised of Snow College Science Division faculty.

Scholarship awards made under this NASA grant will be for a total of \$5,000 per student and will be distributed directly to the awardees via the institution you are attending. The scholarship will be issued in periodic payments based on academic performance and continuing to meet the goals and objectives of this award. Renewal applications documenting performance, progress, updated transcript and future registration information will be required

in order to receive subsequent payments of this scholarship award. Careful consideration will be given to female and underserved students studying in the STEM fields.

Your application package should consist of the following four items:

1. The completed scholarship application form which follows.
2. A letter written by you (no longer than one page) to the scholarship screening committee describing your plans during the period of the NASA Space Grant scholarship award. Please describe your area of study, your goals while enrolled in school, and your plans beyond this enrollment.
3. A letter from a professor/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. (*Letter should be emailed directly to kim.olson@utah.edu*)
4. A recent transcript (official or unofficial) of your enrollment at SLCC, Snow College or UCAT or a high school transcript if you are an incoming freshman/first-year undergraduate student.

Please submit the completed package electronically to: Kim Olson (kim.olson@utah.edu) no later than 5:00 p.m. on March 1, 2016.



Utah NASA Space Grant Consortium Scholarship Application



**for students enrolled at Snow College
in the following disciplines:**

*Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Engineering, Geology, Mathematics, Allied Health,
Pre-Professional Health or Science*

Please print or type:

Name: _____ Student # _____

Mailing Address: (include city, state, zip): _____

E-mail Address (print legibly): _____

Area of Study/Major: _____

Degree Sought: _____

Professor/Faculty Advisor: _____

Professor/Faculty Advisor e-mail address: _____

Professor/Faculty Advisor phone number: _____

Date began enrollment at (*institution name*): _____

How many credits of undergraduate work completed: _____

Protected class status: (Please note the Consortium is required by NASA to report the information below 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 on the selection process by permitting affirmative action selections among otherwise equally qualified applicants. Thus, you are asked to complete applicable parts of this section.)

Male Female

Individual with disability(ies)

___ African American ___ Asian ___ Caucasian ___ Hispanic ___ Native American

___ Pacific Islander ___ Other, please specify

Initial each of the following statements:

I certify that: *(note: if any statement is not initialized, your application will not be considered)*

_____ I am a citizen of the United States.

_____ I am or will be a full-time undergraduate student during the academic years 2015 & 2016.

_____ I understand that being awarded a NASA Space Grant scholarship will require ongoing communication via the Space Grant Consortium and myself. I will respond to e-mails and provide up-to-date information in a timely manner about the status of my enrollment, degree, 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. *(This is part of a NASA requirement to track the long-range effectiveness of the scholarship program.)*

Signature

Date