



New Jersey Center for Science, Technology & Mathematics

2019 Group Summer Scholars Research Program FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

The program cost for the 2019 GSSRP is \$1,700 per student. Students from low-income families are eligible for fee waivers to cover this cost. Other students may be considered for full or partial scholarships based on financial need. Criteria for scholarships is listed below.

Students will automatically be qualified for a fee waiver if the combined annual household income of the student's parents is \$28,413 or less for a family of four (as reported on the most recent federal income tax return).

Students, whose parent's combined household income exceeds the above listed threshold, will also be considered for a full scholarship if **three or more** of the following criteria are met:

- The student's household receives benefits from any of the following designated means-tested federal benefit programs:
 - Medicaid
 - Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program
 - Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Free and Reduced Price School Lunch Program
 - Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program
 - Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC)
- The student self-identifies as a minority historically underrepresented in STEM (Alaskan Native, Native American, Black or African American, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander)
- English is a second language for the student
- The student is a potential first-generation college student (parents did not attend college)
- **AND** the combined annual household income of the student's parents is \$50,000 or less (as reported on the most recent federal income tax return).

Students not meeting the criteria above may be considered for full or partial scholarships based on documentation of extenuating circumstances.

The main application for the GSSRP will include a section on financial assistance and must be completed in order for a student to be considered for a fee waiver or scholarship. If this section is left blank, no financial aid will be considered. An example of the application is below.

Application for Financial Assistance:

Financial aid scholarships will be provided to GSSRP participants to help defray the full or partial cost of the program, according to the criteria above. If you do not complete this section you will not be considered for a scholarship.

Combined Annual Household Income (*based on 2016 W2 Form or Federal Income Tax Return*):

- Approximate Annual Household Income: _____
- W2 or Previous years Federal Income Tax Return available ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please note that you may be asked to provide copies of these documents to verify the reported income

Number of Persons in immediate Family/Household (Parents & Children only):

Do you qualify for any of the programs below?

- Medicaid ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Program ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Free and Reduced Price School Lunch Program ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) Program ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) ☐ Yes ☐ No

Do you self-identify as any of the following?

- Alaskan Native ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Native American ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Black or African American ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Hispanic ☐ Yes ☐ No
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander ☐ Yes ☐ No

Is English your second language? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Are you a potential first-generation college student (your parents did not attend college)?
☐ Yes ☐ No

Will you be able to pay for the program if a scholarship is not awarded? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Please provide a brief statement explaining how the cost of the GSSRP would present a financial hardship to your family (250 words max):