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STEM

SCHOLARS





The STEM Scholars Program is a cohort-based initiative designed for students pursuing STEM pathways. Through this supportive peer network, students develop leadership skills, build confidence, and gain hands-on experience in research and work-based learning opportunities.

DESIGNED FOR

1ST & 2ND YEAR STUDENTS

PURSUING A STEM MAJOR IN:

- >> Science
- >> Technology
- >> Engineering
- >> Math

STUDENTS MUST ALSO COMMIT TO TRANSFERRING TO A FOUR-YEAR INSTITUTION TO EARN A BACHELOR'S DEGREE.



THE MISSION OF THE STEM SCHOLARS PROGRAM IS TO SUPPORT HOLISTIC SKILL DEVELOPMENT AND ELEVATED ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE THROUGH A SUPPORTIVE COHORT AND MENTORSHIP-BASED PROGRAM.

WHY BECOME A STEM SCHOLAR?

As a STEM Scholar, you will unlock a wealth of opportunities designed to fuel your academic and personal growth. Here is how you will benefit:

- >> **JOIN A SUPPORTIVE COHORT:**
You will be part of a close-knit group of peers who will keep you motivated and accountable throughout your journey.
- >> **INTERNSHIPS:**
Access exclusive internships with top STEM organizations, giving you hands-on experience in your field.
- >> **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:**
Additional STEM and transfer scholarship opportunities available.
- >> **PERSONALIZED ADVISING AND MENTORSHIP:**
Benefit from one-on-one advising and mentorship to guide you every step of the way.
- >> **LUNCH & LEARN WITH INDUSTRY EXPERTS:**
Meet professionals from the STEM world and learn directly from their experiences.
- >> **SKILL-BUILDING WORKSHOPS:**
Attend workshops on essential topics like financial literacy, communication, resume building, and professional development—tools that will set you up for success.
- >> **JOB AND RESEARCH SHADOWING:**
Get real-world experience by shadowing professionals in STEM jobs or research positions.

WHERE PASSION MEETS POSSIBILITY



STEM SCHOLARS PATHWAY

The STEM Scholars program follows a structured pathway to ensure student success.

SUMMER BRIDGE I >> YEAR I >> SUMMER BRIDGE II >> YEAR II

Once you have applied and been accepted into the program, you will remain a member until you transfer to a university to complete your bachelor's degree.

SUMMER BRIDGE I

You will kick off your journey with an intensive 6-week summer bridge program at the Washington Street Campus where you will complete:

- Two courses that are paid for fully by our grant
(*Educational Frameworks AND either College Algebra, Trigonometry, or Chemistry*)
- A Project-based learning section
- REP4 group project and presentations
- Built-in tutoring sessions for support and proven success
- Exposure to STEM field careers through tours and/or professional speakers and workshops

YEAR I & YEAR II

During the academic year the you must complete the following to remain an active member of the STEM Scholars program and meet the minimum requirements to be eligible to apply for the STEM Excellence Scholarship and the OPI Transfer Scholarship.

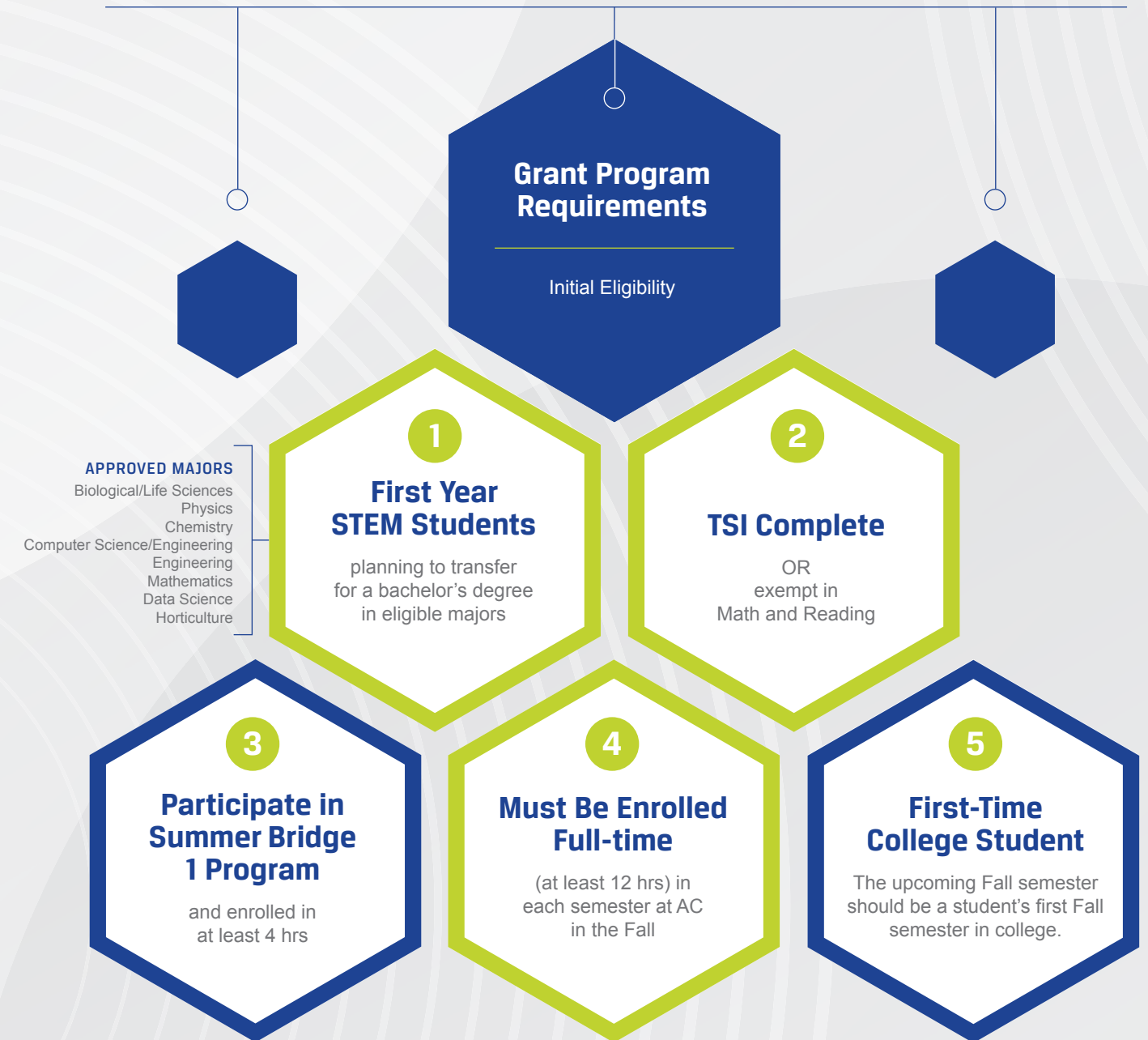
- Complete at least 12 semester credit hours
(Washington St. campus only)
- Maintain at least a 3.0 GPA
- Attend mentoring sessions at least twice a semester
- Attend monthly Lunch and Learn sessions
- Complete any program evaluations

SUMMER BRIDGE II

The summer after your first year you must either:

- Enroll in at least 3 hrs (typically English 1302) and participate in class research shadowing
- OR complete an approved STEM internship

HOW DO I BECOME A STEM SCHOLAR?



Each year, only 30 students are selected to join the incoming cohort.

STEM EXCELLENCE SCHOLARSHIP

STEM Scholars who successfully complete the pathway are eligible to apply for this competitive scholarship. Each summer, students are notified of the application process and deadline for the scholarship, which is awarded in fall and spring. Only 30 students from all STEM Scholars cohorts (Year 1 and Year 2) will be selected. Recipients will receive a total of \$3,000, distributed as \$1,500 per semester.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- ✓ **Completed** AC Foundation Scholarship Application
- ✓ **Completed** STEM Excellence Scholarship Application
- ✓ **Attendance** at the STEM Scholars Program Orientation
- ✓ **Refer to** program-approved majors on the next page
- ✓ **Completion** of Summer Bridge Program
(either Summer Bridge I or II)
- ✓ **Full-time Enrollment** in Fall and Spring Semesters
- ✓ **Minimum 3.0 GPA** at AC to stay eligible
- ✓ **Intent to transfer** to a four-year university



APPLY TODAY VISIT US ONLINE
actx.edu/stem/scholars

FIND YOUR COMMUNITY

Join a close-knit network where STEM Scholars uplift, inspire, and support each other—growing and succeeding together, both academically and personally.

Support & Resources for STEM Scholars:

- **The STEM Scholars Coordinator**
Hosts bi-semester *Tea'n'Talks* where students can discuss courses, scheduling, financial aid, resources, and mentorship.
- **STEM Scholar Ambassadors**
A peer-led leadership group that organizes community service and social events.
- **STEM Scholars Lounge**
A dedicated space for studying, socializing, and enjoying meals. Together, STEM Scholars build connections, gain valuable experiences, and prepare for a successful future!
- **The Career Navigator**
Assists with resume building, job shadowing, and securing internship opportunities.
- **STEM Success Coach**
Provides academic guidance, mentorship, and support to help students navigate challenges.





TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP

Students who meet eligibility requirements each year at AC can apply for our Transfer Scholarship, funded through Opportunity Plan, Inc. (OPI). This scholarship has a separate application process, with 30 students selected annually upon transfer.

» \$2,000 per semester (up to 4 semesters)	» \$3,000 per semester (up to 4 semesters)	» \$4,000 per semester (up to 4 semesters)
AID IN COMPLETION OF A BACHELOR'S DEGREE	AID IN COMPLETION OF A MASTER'S DEGREE	AID IN COMPLETION OF A DOCTORATE DEGREE

APPLY TO BE A STEM SCHOLAR

APPLICATION STEPS

The application cycle opens Oct. 1 of each year.

Priority Deadline: March 1
(Applications will not be considered after May 1.)

1. Apply Online

Visit actx.edu/stem/scholars



SCAN QR CODE

2. Submit Your High School Transcript

Upload your most recent transcript.

3. Complete the Questionnaire

Answer two short-answer questions.

4. Choose your STEM Pathway

Indicate your intended STEM pathway or focus area.

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SELECTION PROCESS

Students who fill out an application will be evaluated to ensure they meet all requirements, and then contacted for an interview (in person or virtually). Only 30 students will be accepted into the program cohort.

- 1. Interview Process:** Eligible applicants will be contacted for an interview (in-person or virtual).
- 2. Sign a Letter of Intent** upon selection.
- 3. Attend STEM Scholars Orientation** in June.

PLEASE NOTE:

If a student does not meet the Math TSI completion requirement, they will be notified. Once they achieve Math TSI completion, they will be reconsidered and may advance to the interview stage. Students who are not TSI complete or exempt are still highly encouraged to apply.

Amarillo College offers free TSI tutoring through the Testing Services office. Students may also qualify for a test voucher to reduce the cost of multiple test attempts. Retesting is encouraged if needed, but students must achieve Math TSI completion by May 1.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

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PROGRAM SUCCESS STORIES

Summer Bridge 1

- ACHIEVED A MILESTONE IN **ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.**
- **100% PASS RATE** IN COLLEGE ALGEBRA.
- 19 OUT OF 26 STUDENTS EARNED A **4.0 OVERALL GPA FOR THE TERM.**

Summer Bridge II

Nine students participated in a research shadowing experience through participating universities

- 1

West Texas A&M University
Engineering
- 2

West Texas A&M University
Environmental Science
- 3

Texas Tech University
Veterinary School



What our AC STEM scholars are saying about the program:

My experience as a STEM Scholar has been unparalleled to any other experience at Amarillo College. My summer internship at Pantex was an opportunity I did not pursue alone. The STEM Scholar program helped me present and prepare myself appropriately to the hiring managers which led to phone call interviews and later an offer for an internship. I can confidently say I would not be where I am currently without the help of the STEM Scholar program.

- Jesus Marquez, Cohort I

With the STEM Scholars Program, I was able to be eased into the college experience. I've been able to bond with other students and hear from speakers in all sorts of fields. I have been able to participate in some pretty fun projects and get hands-on experience with lab equipment I never even imagined getting within 10 feet of. It's really ignited a passion for learning in me I haven't had in awhile, and it has really washed away any insecurities about whether I made the right choice switching my major.

-Lyzeth Nieves, Cohort III



Scan the QR codes below to discover how the STEM Scholars Program is shaping a brighter future for our students! >> **WATCH THE VIDEOS BELOW**

SEE VIDEO

Meet M Su
STEM Scholar



Meet AJ
STEM Scholar



FACULTY PERSPECTIVE



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During the Summer 2024 term, 100% of the scholars passed the STEM College Algebra 6-week course. In my 22 years of teaching at Amarillo College, I have only had one other class with a 100% success rate! Our STEM Scholars are thriving at AC!"

- Shannon Cornell, AC Math Faculty



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QUESTIONS

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