



SMART Scholarship

Award Details

Emphasis: Academic; STEM

The Department of Defense (DoD) recognizes the need to support the education of America's future scientists and engineers. The Science, Mathematics & Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-for-Service Program is part of a concentrated effort to improve the flow of new, highly skilled technical labor into DoD facilities and agencies and to enhance the technical skills of the workforce already in place. SMART offers scholarships to undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students who have demonstrated ability and special aptitude for excelling in STEM fields. Students are also provided opportunities to continue their research in civil service roles following graduation.

SMART Scholars Receive:

- Cash award paid at a rate of \$25,000 - \$38,000 per year depending on prior educational record
- Full tuition and related education expenses
- Health insurance allowance; book allowance
- Summer internships (multi-year participants)
- Post-graduation career opportunities

Eligibility

- Applicants must be US citizens at the time of application.
- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older as of August 1 of the award year.
- Applicants must be able to participate in summer internships at DoD laboratories.
- Applicants must be willing to accept post-graduate employment with the DoD.
- Applicants must be students in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale at the time of the award.
- Undergraduate applicants must be currently enrolled in a regionally accredited U.S. college or university and have a high school diploma/GED.
- Graduate applicants can be either currently enrolled in a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or awaiting notification of admission to such. If awaiting admission, you must be accepted for entrance in the upcoming fall term.

Candidate Profile

Key Characteristics Sought by Review Committee

- Competitive applicants will be high achievers in STEM related fields willing to commit to the one-to-one employment obligation to the DoD civilian Science and Technology (S&T) workforce.

Application

Date Application Available: August

Internal Application Due Date: November

Final Application Due Date: December