



Girls with Heart Scholarship

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Hello! Thank you for joining us for this year's STEM Goes Red event on November 18th. We are thrilled to share our "Girls with Heart" scholarship opportunity with you. Attached is the application with full details.

This year, the "Girls with Heart" program will award three **(3) scholarships:**

- (1) **\$5,000 two-year** scholarship (\$2,500 each year)
- (2) **single-year** scholarships of \$2,500 each to qualifying applicants.

QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- Previous Chicago Go Red Goes STEM event participant
- Must be 16 or older
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Identify as female
- U.S. citizen/permanent resident of the U.S.
- Applying for funding for the following:
 - Attendance at a college or university with the intent to major in a STEM-related field
 - Attendance at a vocational or technical trade institution with a focus on earning a degree/certificate in a STEM-related field
 - Enrollment in a STEM enrichment program
 - Funding towards an SAT/ACT prep program

In addition to meeting the scholarship qualifications, a review committee will select finalists based on:

- Academic achievement
- Interest and commitment to pursue a career in a STEM field
- Two letters of recommendation; one from an educator and one from a community service representative (organization, employer, clergy or coach). Qualities should include maturity, motivation, self-confidence, leadership, interest & commitment to STEM, and potential for success.
- A five (5) paragraph essay (500 words maximum, typed, double-spaced, one-sided) which addresses two of the application questions.

Application submissions for **2024 "Girls with Heart" Scholarship** will be accepted via email to ChicagoSTEM@heart.org **November 25, 2024**, through **March 4, 2025**. Three (3) Awarded Scholarship recipients will be notified on **April 22, 2025**. All notifications are final. Scholarship awards will be distributed to coincide with the Fall 2025 (current seniors) and Fall 2026 (current juniors) semester and will only be distributed to an accredited college, university or trade institution or program approved by the review committee. Individuals are not eligible to receive direct funds. For additional information, please contact ChicagoSTEM@heart.org.



Application Submission: Email the following documents to ChicagoSTEM@heart.org by deadline date, **March 4, 2025**.

All documents need to be included in your application. The REVIEW COMMITTEE will be reviewing the following documents. Note: **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

1. Student Application
2. Written Essay (choose two questions from the list)
3. Two (2) letters of recommendation
4. One copy of your current high school transcript

Miscellaneous:

In the event that the operation or administration of the scholarship application or review process is impaired or prevented in any way for any reason, including, but not limited to fraud, change of condition, or other technical problems, AHA may in its sole discretion, either: (a) terminate the scholarship; (b) suspend the scholarship submission or review to address the impairment and then resume the scholarship in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these rules; and/or (c) substitute other award(s) for any award set forth in these Rules that becomes unavailable for any reason. AHA reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the scholarship or acting in violation of these rules. Failure to execute and return any agreements with AHA that are conditioned on winning will result in such Winner's automatic forfeiture of his/her award with no substitution or alternative available. AHA's failure to enforce any term of these rules shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision. Information provided by you for this scholarship is subject to AHA's privacy policy.

AHA is not responsible for: (i) electronic transmissions that are lost, late, stolen, incomplete, damaged or misdirected; (ii) any problems or technical malfunctions, errors, omissions, deletions, defects, communication failures or (iii) causes beyond AHA's reasonable control that jeopardize the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the scholarship. AHA will not be responsible if weather conditions, event cancellations, acts of God or other circumstances beyond their control prevent the award from being scholarshiped or the scholarship from taking place.

By submitting an application, participants and, if applicable, their parent or guardian, agree to release, discharge and hold harmless AHA and each of its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all injuries, claims, losses, damages, actions and/or liability arising out of or in connection with, directly or indirectly, participation in and/or entry into the scholarship or acceptance, delivery, possession, use or misuse of any award received. The determinations of AHA are final and binding with respect to any matter arising out of the interpretation or application of these rules.

Entrants agree and acknowledge that personal data submitted with an entry, including name, mailing address, phone number, and email address may be collected, processed, stored and otherwise used by AHA and its affiliates for the purposes of conducting and administering the Contest. All personal information that is collected is subject to AHA's Privacy Policy, <https://www.heart.org/en/about-us/statements-and-policies/privacy-statement>.



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Student Application

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

Are you a U.S. Citizen: Yes: _____ No: _____

Date of Birth (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Do you identify as female: Yes: _____ No: _____

What year did you attend STEM Goes Red: _____

Academics

Current School: _____

Current Grade: _____

Cumulative GPA: _____

Please list any honors and awards received:

Awards: _____

Honors: _____



If applicable; list the College/University/Trade Institution you have applied or been accepted to in fall 2024

School Name: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip: _____

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Anticipated major/field of study:

STEM Major: _____

Essay

Essay: Please submit a five (5) paragraph essay (500 words maximum, typed, double-spaced, one-sided). Choose **two** of the four questions below to write your essay.

1. How will your study of a STEM major contribute to your immediate or long-range career plans?
2. Why are you interested in pursuing a STEM related degree?
3. Explain the importance of STEM today?
4. What do you think the STEM industry will be like in the next 10 years?



WRITTEN ESSAY

A large, empty rectangular box intended for writing an essay.