

Trailblazers STEM Scholarship

Atlanta Metropolitan State College

Division of Science, Mathematics and Health Professions



Student Application Packet 2013

The Department of Science and Health Professions is accepting scholarship applications for the Bachelor of Science in Biological Science program. Applicants are required to submit the following information in order for their package to be considered:

1. Completed scholarship application form.
2. A written essay (see topic below).
3. Copy of unofficial college transcripts.
4. Letter of recommendation.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

COLLEGE CRITERIA:

For a student at AMSC to qualify for the **AMSC Trailblazers STEM Scholarship**, the student must:

1. Be a citizen of the United States, national of the United States, or alien lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.
2. Be enrolled as a full-time student at AMSC (a minimum of 12 credit hours) in the Biological Science program leading to baccalaureate degree.
3. Demonstrate financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
4. Have a minimum high school cumulative GPA of at least 2.5 (First-time college students only) or have a minimum AMSC GPA of 2.5 and have attained sophomore, junior or senior standing at AMSC (Non-first-time college students).

Eligibility Criteria for Recipients

First-Time Recipients

For an AMSC Trailblazers STEM Scholarship recipient to remain eligible from one semester to the next, the student must:

- Remain enrolled full-time.
- Remain in good academic standing minimum GPA of 2.8.

Renewing Recipients

Scholarships will be renewable each semester for a total of eight (8) semesters when retention criteria are met. To meet these criteria, a student must:

- Maintain at least a GPA of 2.8.
- Maintain full-time student status.
- Continue to remain a Biological Science major.
- Continue to demonstrate financial need.
- Make satisfactory academic progress toward his/her major as evidenced by enrolling in the recommended sequence of courses and/or earning a “C” or better in courses required for the major.
- Participate in all program activities associated with the scholarship.

A. Application Process

All students interested in the AMSC Trailblazers STEM Scholarship will be required to submit an application packet that provides evidence that they meet the selection criteria. The application deadline will be **August 30 and December 1** each academic year. A student must submit the following application materials:

- Completed AMSC Trailblazers STEM Scholarship application form, which will include the applicant’s name, contact information, date of birth, and demographic information.
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- High school transcript (first-time college students only).
- ACT/SAT scores (first-time college students only).
- AMSC transcript (current AMSC students).
- Brief essay of 1000 words or less discussing how this scholarship will address their financial need. Additionally, the applicant should address their science abilities; volunteer work, STEM club affiliations, strengths and weaknesses, and aspirations for a STEM career.

- Letter of recommendation from a faculty member or high school teacher.

B. Renewal Process

All students interested in the renewal of an AMSC Trailblazers STEM Scholarship will be required to submit materials that provide evidence that they meet the renewal criteria. All materials will be due **August 30 and December 1**. A student must submit the following materials:

- Completed AMSC Trailblazers STEM Scholarship renewal form, which will include the applicant’s name, contact information, date of birth, and demographic information.
- Completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Current copy of their AMSC transcript.

QUALIFYING COMPETITIVE FACTORS:

- Official cumulative GPA.
- An essay (500 to 1,000 words) discussing how this scholarship will address their financial need. Additionally, the applicant should address their science abilities, volunteer work, STEM club affiliations, strengths and weaknesses, and aspirations are for a STEM career.

Failure to address the topic of financial need disqualifies the essay. The essay must be at least 500 words, typed and doubled-spaced. Essays will be rated on content, depth, grammar, organization, and originality. Applicants will receive written notification of the status of their application.

Rubric for evaluating essay:

Your essay will be assessed based upon a 25 point rubric. Below you will find categories that will be assessed and their point value. Those essays that fail to follow the guidelines for the rubric will be disqualified.

Categories	Points
5 Paragraph Body <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opening • Body (3 Paragraphs) • Closing 	5 pts.
Grammar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Punctuation • Spelling • Sentence Structure 	5 pts.
Originality	5 pts.
Clear Thesis and or Topic Sentence	5 pts.
Address the topic	5 pts.

For additional information contact:

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PLEASE PRINT

Today's Date:

Student ID#

PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Last name:	First Name:	Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Marital Status: Single <input type="checkbox"/> Married <input type="checkbox"/> Divorced <input type="checkbox"/> Separated <input type="checkbox"/> Widow/er <input type="checkbox"/>
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Local Address: Street: City: State: Zip:

Telephone (Home): Telephone (Mobile): E-mail Address:

Permanent Address: Street: City: State: Zip:

Telephone (Home):

Birth Date: _____ Age: _____	RACE: American Indian / Alaskan Native <input type="checkbox"/> Asian / Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Black / African American <input type="checkbox"/> Native Hawaiian / Pacific Islander <input type="checkbox"/> Caucasian / White Hispanic / Latino <input type="checkbox"/>	U.S. Citizen/Permanent Resident Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If no, specify country of citizenship: _____
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STUDENT CLASSIFICATION:	CURRENT MAJOR:	SCHOLASTIC RECORD:
Freshman <input type="checkbox"/> Sophomore <input type="checkbox"/> Junior <input type="checkbox"/> Senior <input type="checkbox"/>	AS. in Biology <input type="checkbox"/> B.S. in Biological Science <input type="checkbox"/>	Please list grades earned in the following courses. 1. BIOL 1107 _____ 2. BIOL 1108 _____ 3. CHEM 1211 _____ 4. CHEM 1212 _____ 5. MATH 1113 _____ Cumulative GPA: _____

Please list school, community, church, or organizational activities:

Please list honors, awards, and other achievements:

Applicant's Signature Date

Trailblazers STEM Scholarship
SCHOLARSHIP RECOMMENDATION FORM
 (Please type or print legibly)

To the applicant: Please complete the top section only and give this form to an instructor, advisor, counselor, principal, or someone who is aware of the probability of your success in the Bachelor of Science in Biological Science program at Atlanta Metropolitan State College. Please ask that person to send the completed form to:

Atlanta Metropolitan State College
Division of Science, Mathematics and Health Professions
ATTN: Trailblazers STEM Scholarship Committee
1630 Metropolitan Parkway, S.W.
Atlanta, GA 30310

I. Student Information

Name _____ AMSC ID No. _____

Address _____

Phone No. _____ Email Address _____

I waive ___ do not waive ___ my right to have access to this completed *Recommendation Form* and any attachments.

Applicant's Name: _____ Date _____

II. Evaluation Form. To be completed by the individual providing the recommendation and sent before the specified deadline to the address above.

	Outstanding	Excellent	Good	Average	Below Average	No Knowledge
Personal Skills						
Punctuality						
Positive attitude						
Good attendance						
Takes responsibility for work (including mistakes)						
Dresses appropriately for situation						
Social Skills						
Listens and takes direction well						
Collaborates well with others						
Team player						
Open to criticism						
Shows appreciation						
Honors diversity						
Work Skills						
Completes work on time						
Meets and/or exceeds classroom/workplace expectations						
Growth						
Willing to learn new skills						
Volunteers to take on new tasks/projects						
Asks for help when appropriate						
Finds ways to overcome/compensate for challenges or personal weaknesses						

