



## New Jersey Center for Science, Technology & Mathematics

### 2018 Group Summer Scholars Research Program FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

The program cost for the 2018 GSSRP is \$1,500 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 \$25,000 or less (as reported on the most recent tax return).

Students 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 tax return).

Students not meeting the criteria above may be considered for full or partial scholarships based on financial need.

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 Family/Household:

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 the program cost 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):