SMART Scholarship for Service Program

- **Purpose**
    - The SMART Program, part of the Department of Defense (DoD) science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) portfolio, provides STEM students with the tools needed to pursue higher education and begin a rewarding career with the DoD. With a full scholarship, students pursuing STEM degrees will be able to focus on complex research to further the DoD's mission and create a lasting impact. Summer internships are performed at DoD facilities alongside scientists and engineers; these experiences prepare scholars for full-time employment and get them accustomed to working with the DoD. SMART is a one-for-one commitment; for every year of degree funding, the scholar commits to working for a year with the DoD as a civilian employee.
- **Eligibility Requirements**
    - a citizen of the United States, Australia, Canada, New Zealand, or United Kingdom at time of application,
    - 18 years of age or older as of August 1
    - requesting at least 1 year of degree funding prior to graduation (which starts at the program start date),
    - able to complete at least one summer internship (multi-year scholars only)
    - willing to accept post-graduation employment with the DoD,
    - a student in good standing with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale,
    - pursuing a technical undergraduate or graduate degree in one of the 21 STEM disciplines listed below,
    - able to produce a fall 2023 college transcript from a regionally accredited US college or university, OR be pursuing a graduate degree at a regionally accredited US college or university.
    - <u>**Undergraduate applicants**</u>
        - Must be currently enrolled at a regionally accredited U.S. college or university
        - Must be able to produce a fall 2023 (or earlier) college transcript at the end of the term
        - AP coursework is not considered college credit
    - <u>**Graduate applicants**</u>
        - Can be either currently enrolled in a regionally accredited U.S. college or university or awaiting notification of admission
        - If awaiting admission, you must be accepted for entrance in the fall 2024 term
- **Selection Process**
    - Applications are reviewed and award letters will be granted the following spring.
- **Application Process**
    - Applicants open August and then must click the "Submit Application" button before December 1 at 5:00 PM EST for their applications to be considered.
- **Website Link**
    - For more information, please visit https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart?id=about_smart
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