

# 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 2024 college transcript from a regionally accredited US college or university, OR be pursuing a graduate degree at a regionally accredited US college or university.
  - **Undergraduate applicants**
    - Must be currently enrolled at a regionally accredited U.S. college or university
    - Must be able to produce a fall 2024 (or earlier) college transcript at the end of the term
    - AP coursework is not considered college credit
  - **Graduate applicants**
    - 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 2025 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 the first Friday in December 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](https://www.smartscholarship.org/smart?id=about_smart)
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