

NSF S-STEM – SciTE Scholars

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Four year grant

Start date: 10/1/06

Amount: \$444,518 (over \$391,000 for scholarships)

The goal of this grant is to increase full-time enrollment of students in A.S. in Engineering, Computer Science, and Natural and Physical Sciences degree programs.

Scholarships will be awarded to 11-15 students per year to who qualify for Pell Grants. The objective of the scholarships is to reduce their unmet need (as determined by their FAFSA application) to zero. This is not a “free ride” scholarship. If the student has an expected family contribution (again based on FAFSA), then they still are responsible for that. Unmet need is calculated using the Cost of Attendance, which Carol Larson figures out each year. This amount includes living expenses, so some students will get money for living expenses. Scholarships will renew each year, if the student meets the eligibility criteria of having unmet need and a high enough GPA.

The same faculty who are on the selection committee for the scholarships also serve as an advisory committee for the grant. NSF requires that students participate in group activities. Those same faculty will rotate each month to lead a scholar meeting. The faculty member is responsible for creating the agenda for the meeting, inviting a speaker, or arranging whatever they want to do at the meeting. Scholars will also travel to four-year schools for open houses and other tours. There is funding in the budget for four scholars to go to a national conference each year.