Grant Title: NSF SCHOLARSHIPS IN SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATHEMATICS

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Agency/Department: National Science Foundation, Directorate for Education & Human Resources Division of Undergraduate Education.

Area of Research: Support scholarships for academically talented, financially needy students, enabling them to enter the workforce following completion of an associate; baccalaureate; or graduate-level degree in science and engineering disciplines.

Release and Expiration: N/A


Amount: $50,000,000 to $70,000,000 annually for new and continuing activities. Awards are normally not expected to exceed $600,000 in total. Annual budgets are limited to $225,000. Expected Number of Awards: 80 to 100. S-STEM grants may provide individual scholarships of up to $10,000 per year, depending on financial need.

Length of Support: The award duration may be up to five years.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education in the United States and its territories that grant associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degrees in the disciplines listed in section IV.C. are invited to submit proposals. Students to be awarded scholarships must demonstrate academic talent and financial need. In addition, they must be US citizens, permanent residents, nationals, or refugees.

Summary: This program makes grants to institutions of higher education to support scholarships for academically talented, financially needy students, enabling them to enter the workforce following completion of an associate; baccalaureate; or graduate-level degree in science and engineering disciplines. Grantee institutions are responsible for selecting scholarship recipients, reporting demographic information about student scholars, and managing the S-STEM project at the institution. The program does not make scholarship awards directly to students; students should contact their institution's Office of Financial Aid for this and other scholarship opportunities. The S-STEM program emphasizes the importance of recruiting students to science and engineering disciplines, mentoring and supporting students through degree completion, and partnering with employers to facilitate student career placement in the STEM workforce. Participating institutions are expected to support the goals of the S-STEM program including: Improved educational opportunities for students; increased retention of students to degree achievement; improved student support programs at institutions of higher education; increased numbers of well-educated and skilled employees in technical areas of national need. It is expected that scholarship recipients will achieve at least one of the following by the end of the scholarship award period: Receive an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree in one of the S-STEM disciplines; transfer from an associate degree program to a baccalaureate degree program or from an undergraduate program to a graduate program in one of the S-STEM disciplines; successfully complete a stage within an associate, baccalaureate, or graduate degree program in one of the S-STEM disciplines that, in the particular institution, is documented and described as a point of unusually high attrition.