

**AFCEA International
Scott-St Louis Chapter**

2026 Scholarship Announcement & Application

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2026 SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Scott-St Louis Chapter of AFCEA International is pleased to announce the annual call for scholarship applicants. These scholarships are for students living in or originally from the greater Scott AFB, IL and St Louis, MO region.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The objective of the Chapter Scholarship Program is to assist outstanding and deserving students through monetary awards for higher education tuition expenses* related to higher education pursuits in technical and scientific fields. The Chapter provides scholarships in fields of study which directly relate to AFCEA's sphere of interest. Students must be enrolled in programs or pursuing a degree directly related to STEM fields, including, but not necessarily limited to, biological and biomedical sciences, computer and information sciences, engineering and engineering technologies, mathematics and statistics, and physical sciences and science technologies.

* - All scholarship awards are to be applied to outstanding tuition balances only. This scholarship is not intended for or to be used to pay additional financial obligations, including, but not limited to, room and board, meal plans, books, or other fees that are not tuition.

WHO CAN APPLY

Applicants must be high school students graduating and who are currently accepted to attend a university, community college, or technical school in the pursuit of a STEM-related degree or education **OR** currently enrolled in a STEM-related course of study at a university, community college, or technical school. Applicants must also be from the greater St. Louis, MO and Scott AFB, IL metropolitan area. **Students residing on campus, out of state or the area, will use their home address to determine eligibility.**

SELECTION PROCESS

The AFCEA Scholarship Committee will convene after 15 April, 2026 to review available scholarship applications and will make scholarship awards as determined by the committee using the criteria given in the application. *After 15 April, scholarships will be evaluated as received.* All applications will be scored on the following criteria:

- Record of academic achievement, community services and extracurricular activities
- Acceptance to or attendance at a university, community college, or technical school
 - o **An acceptance letter from the university, college, or school must accompany this application or be provided separately before the application submission cutoff date.**
- The impact if a scholarship is not awarded
- An essay of 500 words or less detailing the applicant's goals for their course of study and, if applicable, their future service to their country as a member of the military, a civil servant, or a contractor in the defense or homeland security industrial base.

HOW TO APPLY & CONTACT INFORMATION

Applicants must complete the AFCEA STEM Scholarship Application. Applications that are incomplete, received after the application deadline, or fall outside the scope of eligibility will not be considered.

The application is on the AFCEA website (<http://scott.afceachapters.org/>) and included in this document.

There are two methods of applying for a grant in 2026, via traditional postal mail and, electronically, via email.

Postal Mail submission details:

Scholarship applications that are mailed in **must be postmarked by 1 April 2026**. Packages should be mailed to:

AFCEA Scott-St Louis Chapter
Attn: STEM Scholarship/Grant Committee
PO Box 25171
Scott AFB, IL 62225-0171

Electronic submission details:

The Scott St. Louis AFCEA Chapter is now accepting applications electronically. Completed Scholarship Applications can be submitted, via email, to scholarships@scott.afceachapters.org. Emailed applications **MUST** be date/time stamped 11:59:59PM CST, 1 April 2026 or earlier. Any applications submitted electronically after 12:00:00AM CST, 2 April 2026 will **NOT** be considered. It should be noted that there is still a requirement for a copy of Official Transcripts to be included in the package. Electronic transcripts are available through specific channels; please speak to your academic advisor, guidance counselor, or whoever handles transcript requests if electronic transcripts are available.

Copy of **OFFICIAL** transcripts must be received before the existing cutoffs:

Postal Mail – Postmarked on or before 1 April 2026

E-mail – date timestamped on or before 11:59:59PM CST, 1 April 2026.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SIGNING ELECTRONIC SUBMISSION

If you do not have a scanner, you can sign a piece of unlined paper, take a picture of your signature, email it to yourself, and save it to your computer. Open the picture with the editing program of your preference and resize the picture to remove any unnecessary white space. In your word processing program, where your signature should be, insert the picture file of your signature and orient it in the general location of the signature line. It is recommended that your signature be written in a thicker 1.0mm ink line so that it can be clearly photographed.

If your school does not or cannot provide electronic copies of official transcripts, the package can be submitted electronically, but the official transcripts will have to be mailed.

Applications will be reviewed, and the scholarships awarded in the Summer, prior to the Fall 2026 Semester.

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Application package contents and completeness are the responsibility of the student. Packages will be evaluated for completeness and eligibility prior to being evaluated by the committee. If a package is incomplete, it will not be considered. Feedback will not be provided prior to the submission cutoff date for incomplete submissions

A complete package includes:

- **Scholarship application, completed and signed by applicant**
- **A copy of your Official Transcripts**
- **If you are graduating High School and starting your first year of college, trade school, etc., you must provide a letter of acceptance from the school listed in your application.**

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out this application completely using the word processing software of your choice. Leave the document formatting as it is.

NOTES:

- a. If an item does not apply or you choose not to provide information, please type 'N/A' or 'None', whichever is appropriate.
- b. Applications that go beyond the set number of lines in sections B.2 – B.5 or go beyond the 500-word limit for the essay must be edited before submission for the selection committee to consider the application. Any section that exceeds the line or word limit will not be considered during total point assignment and result in a decreased overall package score.
- c. **Do not** include additional resumes, letters of endorsement, essays, examples of work, or lists of accomplishments. Provide information asked for in the appropriate place on the application. Information that goes beyond what is asked for in the application will not be provided to the selection committee for consideration.

SECTION A - DETAILS

A.1 - NAME

Last Name:	
First Name:	
Middle Initial:	

A.2 – DATE OF BIRTH

Date of Birth:	
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A.3 - EMAIL ADDRESS(ES)

Email Address 1:	
Email Address 2:	

A.4 - HOME MAILING ADDRESS

Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	
City:	
State:	
Zip Code:	

A.5 –PHONE NUMBER(S)

Home #:	(Area Code) xxx-xxxx
Alt or Cell #:	(Area Code) xxx-xxxx

A.6 – NAME OF SCHOOL YOU WILL BE ATTENDING & MAILING ADDRESS

Name of School:	
Address Line 1:	
Address Line 2:	
City:	
State:	
Zip Code:	
Student ID Number:	

A.7 – MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY

Must be related to Science (e.g. biology, chemistry, medicine, physics, etc.), Technology (e.g., electronics, electronic communications, information systems and/or security, computer technology, etc.), Engineering (civil, electrical, mechanical, etc.) and/or Mathematics (e.g, actuarial science, data science, accounting, etc).

Major:	
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A.8 – MINOR FIELD OF STUDY (if applicable)

Minor:	
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SECTION B – SCHOLASTIC AND EXTRACURRICULAR ACHIEVEMENTS

B.1 – CUMALATIVE GRADE POINT AVERAGE (GPA)

If already in college, use your cumulative GPA for all college credits. If not in college, use your cumulative high school GPA. **Current OFFICIAL transcript showing cumulative GPA must be included with this application.**

GPA:

Examples: 3.45/4.0, 4.45/5.0, 4.1/4.0

B.2 – LIST SCHOLASTIC ACHIEVEMENTS / COMMENDATIONS WITH DATES

Examples: Honor rolls, National Honor Societies, etc

15 Line Maximum (12 Point Font):

B.3 – LIST EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES IN WHICH YOU PARTICIPATE WITH DATES

Examples: Sports, clubs, student councils, etc

20 Line Maximum (12 Point Font):

B.4 – LIST ANY CIVIC, VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES OR OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS NOT OUTLINED ABOVE

20 Line Maximum (12 Point Font):

B.5 – WHAT IS THE IMPACT IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE A SCHOLARSHIP THIS YEAR?

15 Line Maximum (12 Point Font):

SECTION C – ESSAY

In 500 words or less, provide the selection committee an essay detailing the goals you hope to achieve both in your course of study and, if applicable, in service to your country as a member of the military, a civil servant, or a contractor in the defense or homeland security industrial base. All essays that extend over 500 words **WILL NOT** be considered by the selection committee.

SECTION D – PACKAGE SCORING

Declared major or active degree program –	5 points
Grade Point Average –	10 points
Scholastic Achievements and Commendations –	10 points
Extracurricular Activities –	10 points
Civic, Volunteer, or other accomplishments –	10 points
Impact statement –	10 points
Essay –	<u>20 points</u>
Total:	<u>75 points</u>

SECTION E – CERTIFICATION

Your signature below implies consent to include your name on AFCEA websites and publications if selected as a scholarship winner.

To the best of my knowledge, all information provided on this application represents true and verifiable fact.

Print Full Legal Name

Signature

Date Signed