Indiana Space Grant Consortium
Undergraduate Scholarship Program Guidelines

Background
NASA initiated the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program in 1989. The Space Grant national network includes over 850 affiliates from universities, colleges, industry, museums, science centers, and state and local agencies. These affiliates belong to consortia in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. These institutions are working to expand opportunities for Americans to learn about and participate in NASA’s aeronautics and space projects by supporting and enhancing science and engineering education, research and public outreach efforts. The consortia fund scholarships and fellowships for students pursuing careers in science, mathematics, engineering and technology (STEM), as well as curriculum enhancement and faculty development. Member colleges and universities also administer pre-college and public service education projects in their states.

The Indiana Space Grant Consortium (INSGC) was created in 1991 under the Space Grant Program. Following on the Space Grant goals, the INSGC motto is “Inspire, Engage, Educate, and Employ”. Our awards programs are designed to implement that motto and the INSGC Vision: “The INSGC will be the premier source of coordination, information, and inspiration for NASA-related education, outreach, and workforce development needs of the State of Indiana”.

INSGC Scholarship Program Application Process

Eligibility Requirements
All applicants must submit a complete application by the published due date and:
• be a US citizen,
• enrolled in good standing as an undergraduate student at an INSGC affiliate institution throughout the scholarship period, and
• major in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics (STEM) discipline or STEM education (or a first-year program leading into a STEM discipline).

Award Information
Most undergraduate scholarships will be at the $1500 level. Exceptional students will be considered for a small number of competitively awarded, higher-profile $3000 awards.

Scholarship awards can be used during Fall and/or Spring semesters. A student may continue to apply for, and be supported by, an INSGC scholarship for up to four years as long as they continue in good standing in a STEM-related major.

Submission Requirements
The application process for INSGC is conducted electronically through the INSGC website. Failure to submit all required information may result in the application being rejected.
The application will include the following sections:
• Student information
• Educational information including institution attended, major, degree objective, expected date of graduation, and any prior universities
• PDF version of an unofficial transcript
• PDF version of a professional resume (maximum two pages)
• List of current or expected scholarships and financial aid received for the upcoming school year.
• Career Goals: the importance of STEM education and a STEM major in the student’s education plans, including the importance of the INSGC funds in enabling the student to pursue a STEM discipline, and one of the two following questions:
  ▪ What is the impact of the Space Grant on your life?
  ▪ What is the impact of science, mathematics, engineering and technology on your life?
• Honors and Societies: any student honors, awards, or society memberships
• Provide e-mail contact information of two individuals who will be providing letters of support (the application system will automatically contact these individuals including periodic reminders until they have provided the support letter or the deadline for completion has passed). The letters:
  ▪ should discuss why you should be considered for an INSGC award,
  ▪ should indicate the professional relationship the writer has with you
  ▪ may come from any non-relative who can endorse your application and is familiar with your strengths.

Review Process
All scholarship applications will undergo a merit review process. The INSGC Director, Associate Director, and others with experience in undergraduate education and scholarship awards will evaluate applications on the basis of quality of writing and past performance, ability to communicate an understanding and interest in STEM education, and a clear understanding of the relationship of their interests to NASA. At least one scholarship will be awarded at each INSGC campus affiliate with more than one qualified applicant.

Awardees are expected to be notified within 4 months of application deadline, depending on notification of funding from NASA.

Longitudinal Tracking
By NASA specification, INSGC maintains longitudinal tracking on awardees receiving multi-year scholarship awards. This information will be used to assess the impact of the INSGC program. Information collected for longitudinal tracking includes demographic data, affiliate of attendance, degree awarded, year, INSGC funds received and current activity (e.g. employed by industry, NASA, graduate school). INSGC staff will contact you in the future to provide information about your activity after graduation.

Contact Information
Please direct all questions to:
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NOTE: INSGC also makes information about other funding opportunities available via the INSGC website. These opportunities have separate guidelines and application processes; it is not possible to integrate multiple applications at this time.