



First Tech Scholarship

First Tech Federal Credit Union is proud to provide a scholarship program annually to support our members' dreams of attaining higher education. Please refer to this FAQ to answer any questions you might have.

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Frequently Asked Questions

I have a First Tech username and password; can I use this to access the scholarship application?

The First Tech Scholarship application doesn't require a login. You can click on the link and get started.

I am the parent/guardian of a student who would like to apply for the scholarship; do they need to have their own account with First Tech?

Applicants must have their own account with First Tech before the designated deadline to be eligible for the scholarship.

How do I set up a First Tech account if I'm under 18 years of age?

Students younger than 18 years must open an account in-person at a First Tech branch along with their guardian.

How do I know if my major fits within the STEM application requirement?

Some examples of STEM-focused majors are Computer Science, Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and Environmental Science. Please view the list of approved STEM majors on page 4 of the FAQ. If you are still unable to determine if your major fits within STEM, please reach out to community@firsttechfed.com.

What do I list for my university/college if I don't know which institution I'll be attending until late spring?

Please list the school you're most likely to attend the coming fall of the current calendar year, even if you're not certain. First Tech will follow up individually with scholarship finalists to confirm any institution changes.



Am I eligible for this scholarship if I plan to study in a country outside of the United States?

Yes. Scholarship funds can be sent to a college or university outside of the United States.

I live outside of the United States but plan to study at an institution in the United States. Am I eligible for the scholarship?

Yes.

I have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.3, am I eligible for the scholarship?

Eligible applicants must have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher.

Can this scholarship be applied to books, housing, meals and other necessities, or are the funds restricted?

Scholarship funds are sent directly to the university/college. Students are welcome to work with their institution in identifying where funds are needed most.

I'm pursuing my Master's Degree, am I still eligible to apply for this scholarship?

Students from all levels of study are eligible to apply for this scholarship.

I am attending college part-time. Am I eligible for the scholarship?

Yes! Full-time and part-time students can apply.

Can I skip ahead to different pages of the application?

Yes! You can move between pages by clicking on the blue toggle bars at the top of the application:



Can I make changes to my application after I submit it?

Unfortunately, no. You cannot make changes to your application once it's submitted, so make sure to review the content before clicking 'Submit form'.

What qualifies as a "family member" of a First Tech employee?

First Tech understands that family structures and the definition of family members can vary from person to person. Some examples of "family members" include (but are not limited to): spouses/legal domestic partners, grandchildren, children, siblings, cousins.

My educational institution will not send a transcript to me directly; can I submit an unofficial transcript with the application?

Yes. However, official transcripts are preferred.

What are the guidelines for the letter of recommendation?

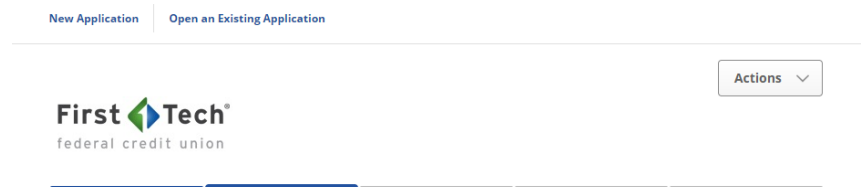


We do not provide guidelines for the letter of recommendation and purposefully keep it open-ended. You can ask your recommender to speak to the topic of your choice.

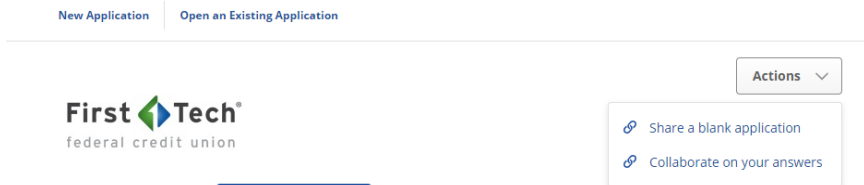
Can my teacher email my letter of recommendation to you?

Considering the high volume of applications we receive, we're unable to accept letters of recommendation outside of the online application portal. Please ask your teacher to submit the recommendation directly to the application. You will not be able to view or open the attachment after it's submitted. Please see instructions below.

Step #1: At the top of the application, directly above the navigation bar, there is an "Actions" button with a downward arrow:

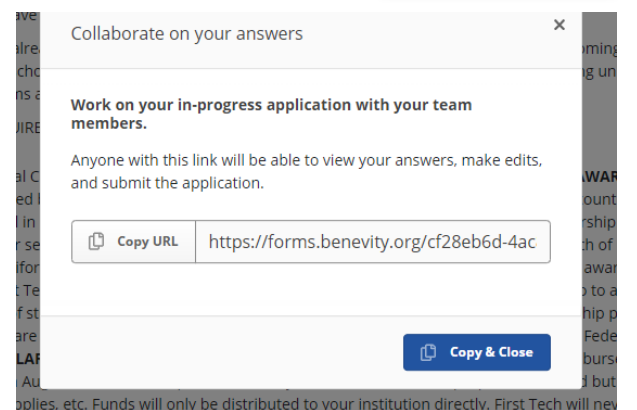


Step #2: Click on the "Actions" button with a downward arrow. Two options will pop up (1) Share a blank application and (2) Collaborate on your answers:



Step #3: Click on the "Collaborate on your answers" option. A pop up box will come up with a special link that gives anybody with the link the ability to edit the application, including adding a Letter of Recommendation

Step #4: You can copy the URL and share it with whoever you want to give you a Letter of Recommendation. Please note that once you share the link, the person will have the ability to make changes to your entire application. We advise giving your recommender detailed instructions, including the page of the application (pg. 3) where the LOR attachment can be attached; as well as how to get there (the blue navigation bar at the top).





Approved STEM Majors

Acoustics.
Actuarial Science.
Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering Technology/Technician.
Aeronautics/Aviation/Aerospace Science and Technology, General.
Aerospace Ground Equipment Technology.
Aerospace Physiology and Medicine.
Aerospace, Aeronautical, and Astronautical/Space Engineering.
Agricultural and Horticultural Plant Breeding.
Agricultural Animal Breeding.
Agricultural Engineering.
Agroecology and Sustainable Agriculture.
Agronomy and Crop Science.
Air and Space Operational Art and Science.
Air and Space Operations Technology.
Air Science/Airpower Studies.
Aircraft Armament Systems Technology.
Algebra and Number Theory.
Analysis and Functional Analysis.
Analytical Chemistry.
Anatomy.
Animal Behavior and Ethology.
Animal Genetics.
Animal Health.
Animal Nutrition.
Animal Physiology.
Animal Sciences, General.
"Animation, Interactive Technology, Video Graphics, and Special

Effects."
Anthrozoology.
Applied Engineering.
Applied Mathematics.
Applied Statistics.
Aquatic Biology/Limnology.
Archeology.
Architectural and Building Sciences/Technology.
Architectural Drafting and Architectural CAD/CADD.
Architectural Engineering Technologies/Technicians.
Architectural Engineering.
Artificial Intelligence.
Astronautical Engineering.
Astronomy.
Astrophysics.
Atmospheric Chemistry and Climatology.
Atmospheric Physics and Dynamics.
Atmospheric Sciences and Meteorology, General.
Atomic/Molecular Physics.
Automation Engineer Technology/Technician.
Automotive Engineering Technology/Technician.
Behavioral Neuroscience.
Behavioral Sciences.
Biochemical Engineering.
Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.
Biochemistry, Biophysics and Molecular Biology.
Bioenergy.
Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering.
Bioinformatics.
BIOLOGICAL AND BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES.

Biological/Biosystems Engineering.
Biology, General.
Biology/Biological Sciences, General.
Biology/Biotechnology Technology/Technician.
Biomathematics, Bioinformatics, and Computational Biology.
Biomechanics.
Biomedical Sciences, General.
Biomedical Technology/Technician.
Biomedical/Medical Engineering.
Biometry/Biometrics.
Biophysics.
Biopsychology.
Biostatistics.
Biotechnology.
Botany/Plant Biology.
Business Analytics.
Business Statistics.
CAD/CADD Drafting and/or Design Technology/Technician.
Cardiovascular Science.
Cell Biology and Anatomy.
Cell Physiology.
Cell/Cellular and Molecular Biology.
Cell/Cellular Biology and Anatomical Sciences.
Cell/Cellular Biology and Histology.
Ceramic Sciences and Engineering.
Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering.
Chemical Engineering Technology/Technician.
Chemical Engineering.



Chemical Physics.
Chemical Process Technology.
Chemical
Technology/Technician.
Cheminformatics/Chemistry
Informatics.
Chemistry.
Civil Drafting and Civil
Engineering CAD/CADD.
Civil Engineering
Technologies/Technicians.
Civil Engineering.
Climate Science.
Clinical and Industrial Drug
Development.
Clinical Laboratory
Science/Medical
Technology/Technologist.
Cloud Computing.
Cognitive Psychology and
Psycholinguistics.
Cognitive Science, General.
Combat Systems Engineering.
Command & Control (C3, C4I)
Systems and Operations.
Comparative Psychology.
Composite Materials
Technology/Technician.
Computational and Applied
Mathematics.
Computational Biology.
Computational Mathematics.
Computational Science.
"Computer and Information
Systems
Security/Auditing/Information
Assurance."
Computer Engineering
Technology/Technician.
Computer Engineering.
Computer Graphics.
Computer Hardware
Engineering.

Computer Hardware
Technology/Technician.
Computer Programming,
Vendor/Product Certification.
Computer Science.
Computer Software
Engineering.
Computer Software
Technology/Technician.
Computer Support Specialist.
Computer Systems
Analysis/Analyst.
Computer Systems
Networking and
Telecommunications.
Computer/Computer Systems
Technology/Technician.
Condensed Matter and
Materials Physics.
Conservation Biology.
Construction Engineering
Technology/Technician.
Construction Engineering.
Cyber/Computer Forensics
and Counterterrorism.
Cyber/Electronic Operations
and Warfare.
Cytotechnology/Cytotechnolo
gist.
Dairy Science.
Data Analytics, General.
Data Modeling/Warehousing
and Database Administration.
Data Processing and Data
Processing Technology/
Technician.
Data Science, General.
Data Visualization.
Demography and Population
Studies.
Developmental and
Adolescent Psychology.
Developmental and Child
Psychology.

Developmental Biology and
Embryology.
Digital Communication and
Media/Multimedia.
Directed Energy Systems.
Drafting and Design
Technology/Technician,
General.
Earth Systems Science.
Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology.
Ecology, Evolution,
Systematics, and Population
Biology.
Econometrics and
Quantitative Economics.
Economics and Computer
Science.
Educational Evaluation and
Research.
Educational Statistics and
Research Methods.
Educational/Instructional
Technology.
Electrical and Electronics
Engineering.
"Electrical, Electronic, and
Communications Engineering
Technology/Technician."
Electrical, Electronics, and
Communications Engineering.
Electrical/Electronics Drafting
and Electrical/Electronics
CAD/CADD.
Electromechanical
Engineering.
"Electromechanical/Electrome
chanical Engineering
Technology/Technician."
Elementary Particle Physics.
Endocrinology.
Energy Systems Engineering.
Energy Systems
Technology/Technician.



Engineering Acoustics.
Engineering Chemistry.
Engineering Design.
Engineering Mechanics.
Engineering Physics.
Engineering Physics/Applied Physics.
Engineering Science.
ENGINEERING.
Engineering/Industrial Management.
Entomology.
Environmental Biology.
Environmental Chemistry.
Environmental Geosciences.
Environmental Health.
Environmental Science.
Environmental Studies.
Environmental Toxicology.
Environmental/Environmental Engineering
Technology/Technician.
Environmental/Environmental Health Engineering.
Environmental/Natural Resource Economics.
Epidemiology and Biostatistics.
Epidemiology.
Evolutionary Biology.
Exercise Physiology and Kinesiology.
Experimental Psychology.
Explosive Ordinance/Bomb Disposal.
Financial Analytics.
Financial Mathematics.
Food Science.
Food Technology and Processing.
Forensic Chemistry.
Forensic Science and Technology.
Forest Engineering.

Forest Resources Production and Management.
Forest Sciences and Biology.
Forestry, General.
Genetics.
Genome Sciences/Genomics.
Geobiology.
Geochemistry and Petrology.
Geochemistry.
Geographic Information Science and Cartography.
Geography and Environmental Studies.
Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences.
Geological/Geophysical Engineering.
Geology/Earth Science, General.
Geometry/Geometric Analysis.
Geophysics and Seismology.
Geospatial Intelligence.
Geotechnical and Geoenvironmental Engineering.
Hazardous Materials Information Systems Technology/Technician.
"Hazardous Materials Management and Waste Technology/Technician."
Health/Medical Physics.
"Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Engineering
Technology/Technician."
Horticultural Science.
Human Biology.
Human Computer Interaction.
Human/Medical Genetics.
Human-Centered Technology Design.
Hydraulics and Fluid Power Technology/Technician.

Hydrology and Water Resources Science.
Immunology.
Industrial and Organizational Psychology.
Industrial and Physical Pharmacy and Cosmetic Sciences.
Industrial Engineering.
Industrial Radiologic Technology/Technician.
Industrial Safety Technology/Technician.
Industrial Technology/Technician.
Infectious Disease and Global Health.
Informatics.
Information Operations/Joint Information Operations.
Information Science/Studies.
Information Technology Project Management.
Information Technology.
Information/Psychological Warfare and Military Media Relations.
Inorganic Chemistry.
Institutional Research.
Instrumentation Technology/Technician.
Integrated Circuit Design Technology/Technician.
Intelligence, General.
Joint Command/Task Force (C3, C4I) Systems.
Landscape Architecture.
Laser and Optical Engineering.
Laser and Optical Technology/Technician.
Linguistics and Computer Science
Livestock Management.



Low-Observables and Stealth Technology.
Management Science.
Manufacturing Engineering Technology/Technician.
Manufacturing Engineering.
Marine Biology and Biological Oceanography.
Marine Sciences.
Materials Chemistry.
Materials Engineering.
Materials Science.
Materials Sciences.
Mathematical Biology.
Mathematical Economics.
Mathematical Statistics and Probability.
Mathematics and Atmospheric/Oceanic Science.
Mathematics and Computer Science.
Mathematics and Statistics.
Mechanical Drafting and Mechanical Drafting CAD/CADD.
Mechanical Engineering.
Mechatronics, Robotics, and Automation Engineering.
Medical Informatics.
Medical Microbiology and Bacteriology.
Medical Science/Scientist.
Medicinal and Pharmaceutical Chemistry.
Metallurgical Engineering.
Metallurgical Technology/Technician.
Meteorology.
Microbial and Eukaryotic Genetics.
Microbiological Sciences and Immunology.
Microbiology and Immunology.

Military Information Systems Technology.
Mining and Mineral Engineering.
Mining Technology/Technician.
Missile and Space Systems Technology.
Modeling, Virtual Environments and Simulation.
Molecular Biochemistry.
Molecular Biology.
Molecular Biophysics.
Molecular Genetics.
Molecular Medicine.
Molecular Pharmacology.
Molecular Physiology.
Molecular Toxicology.
Munitions Systems/Ordinance Technology.
Mycology.
Nanotechnology.
Natural Products Chemistry and Pharmacognosy.
Natural Resources/Conservation, General.
Natural Sciences.
Naval Architecture and Marine Engineering.
Naval Science and Operational Studies.
Network and System Administration/Administrator.
Neuroanatomy.
Neurobiology and Anatomy.
Neurobiology and Behavior.
Neurobiology and Neurosciences.
Neuropharmacology.
Neuroscience.
Nuclear Engineering Technology/Technician.
Nuclear Engineering.

Nuclear Physics.
Nuclear/Nuclear Power Technology/Technician.
Nutrition Sciences.
Occupational Safety and Health Technology/Technician.
Ocean Engineering.
Oceanography, Chemical and Physical.
Oncology and Cancer Biology.
Operational Oceanography.
Operations Research.
Optics/Optical Sciences.
Organic Chemistry.
Packaging Science.
Paleontology.
Paper Science and Engineering.
Parasitology.
Pathology/Experimental Pathology.
Personality Psychology.
Petroleum Engineering.
Petroleum Technology/Technician.
Pharmaceutical Sciences.
Pharmaceutics and Drug Design.
Pharmacoeconomics/Pharmaceutical Economics.
Pharmacology and Toxicology.
Pharmacology.
Photobiology.
Physical Chemistry.
PHYSICAL SCIENCES.
Physics and Astronomy.
Physiology, General.
Physiology, Pathology and Related Sciences.
Planetary Astronomy and Science.
Plant Genetics.
Plant Molecular Biology.



Plant	Social Sciences, Research	Undersea Warfare.
Pathology/Phytopathology.	Methodology and	Urban Forestry.
Plant Physiology.	Quantitative Methods.	Veterinary Anatomy.
Plant Protection and	Soil Chemistry and Physics.	Veterinary Infectious Diseases.
Integrated Pest Management.	Soil Microbiology.	Veterinary Microbiology and
Plant Sciences, General.	Soil Science and Agronomy,	Immunobiology.
Plasma and High-Temperature	General.	Veterinary Pathology and
Physics.	Solar Energy	Pathobiology.
Plastics and Polymer	Technology/Technician.	Veterinary Physiology.
Engineering	Space Systems Operations.	Veterinary Preventive
Technology/Technician.	Statistics, General.	Medicine, Epidemiology, and
Polymer Chemistry.	Statistics.	Public Health.
Polymer/Plastics Engineering.	Strategic Intelligence.	Veterinary Toxicology and
Population Biology.	Structural Biology.	Pharmacology.
Poultry Science.	Structural Engineering.	Virology.
Power Plant Engineering.	Surveying Engineering.	Vision Science/Physiological
Pre-Engineering.	Surveying	Optics.
Psychometrics and	Technology/Surveying.	"Water Quality and
Quantitative Psychology.	Sustainability Studies.	Wastewater Treatment
Psychopharmacology.	System, Networking, and	Management and
Quality Control	LAN/WAN	Recycling
Technology/Technician.	Management/Manager.	Technology/Technician."
Radar Communications and	Systematic Biology/Biological	Water Resources Engineering.
Systems Technology.	Systematics.	Water, Wetlands, and Marine
Radiation	Systems Engineering.	Resources Management.
Biology/Radiobiology.	Systems Science and Theory.	Web Page, Digital/Multimedia
Range Science and	Telecommunications	and Information Resources
Management.	Engineering.	Design.
Reproductive Biology.	Telecommunications	Web/Multimedia
Robotics	Technology/Technician.	Management and Webmaster.
Technology/Technician.	Textile Sciences and	Welding Engineering
Science	Engineering.	Technology/Technician.
Technologies/Technicians,	Theoretical and Mathematical	Wildlife Biology.
General.	Physics.	Wildlife, Fish and Wildlands
Semiconductor Manufacturing	Theoretical Chemistry.	Science and Management.
Technology/Technician.	Topology and Foundations.	"Wood Science and Wood
Signal/Geospatial Intelligence.	Toxicology.	Products/Pulp and Paper
Social Psychology.	Transportation and Highway	Technology/Technician."
	Engineering.	Zoology/Animal Biology.