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Eligibility & Scholarship Requirements

Am I eligible for this scholarship if I plan to study outside the United States?
No. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled in and attending an eligible state- or nationally accredited college, university, or trade school in the United States when the scholarship award is issued.

I am the parent or legal guardian of a student who would like to apply. Does the student need their own First Tech | DCU account?
Yes. Applicants must be First Tech | DCU members in good standing by the application deadline. Students aged 18 or older may open an account online or at a branch.

If I am under age 18, how do I open a First Tech | DCU account?
Applicants under age 18 may visit a local First Tech | DCU branch to open an account.

I live outside the United States but plan to attend an institution in the United States. Am I eligible?
Yes, provided you meet all scholarship eligibility requirements, including being a First Tech | DCU member in good standing.

I have an unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.3. Am I eligible?
Applicants must have a minimum unweighted cumulative GPA of 3.5, a GED score of 164–200, or a qualifying HSE score of 14–20.

I am pursuing a master's degree. Am I eligible to apply?
No. The scholarship is available to graduating high school seniors and currently enrolled undergraduate or eligible trade-school students. Graduate students are not eligible**.**

I attend college part-time. Am I eligible?
No. Scholarship recipients must be enrolled, or plan to enroll as full-time students for the upcoming academic year.

How do I know if my major meets the STEM requirement?
Examples of STEM-focused majors include Computer Science, Biology, Mechanical Engineering, Mathematics, Physics, and Environmental Science**.**

Please review the list of eligible STEM majors at the end of this FAQ. If you are still unsure whether your major qualifies, contact the Community Engagement team.

Can I defer my scholarship award if I decide to take a gap year?
No. Scholarship funds awarded in July must be applied toward the upcoming Fall semester and cannot be deferred. Scholarship checks must be processed by the educational institution no later than October 1, 2027.

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Application Process & Required Documents

What should I list as my college or university if I do not yet know which institution I will attend?
Please list the institution you are most likely to attend in Fall 2027, even if your decision is not final. First Tech | DCU will follow up with scholarship finalists to confirm any changes.

Can I move between different pages of the application?
Yes. You can move between pages by clicking the blue navigation bars at the top of the application.

Can I make changes to my application after I submit it?
No. Changes cannot be made once an application has been submitted. Please carefully review your application before selecting "Submit Form."

My educational institution will not send a transcript directly to me. Can I submit an unofficial transcript?
Yes. An unofficial transcript covering the previous and current academic years may be submitted with your application.

Deadlines, Notifications & Timeline

When is the application deadline?

Applications and all required supporting materials must be submitted by **January 31, 2027, at 11:59 p.m. ET (8:59 p.m. PT).** Late applications or supporting materials will not be accepted.

I submitted my application, when I will be notified if I am an award recipient?

All applicants will be notified by late April 2027.

Scholarship Awards & Fund Distribution

Can scholarship funds be used for books, housing, meals, or other educational expenses, or are they restricted to tuition?

Scholarship recipients should work directly with their educational institution to determine how the award may be applied toward eligible educational expenses.

If I am awarded a scholarship, when will I receive the check?

Scholarship checks will be processed in July 2027 and delivered via FedEx. Tracking information will be sent to the email address provided in the student's application.

The scholarship check will require two signatures and must be endorsed by the student before being forwarded to the institution's Financial Aid Office. Instructions will be included with the check. Scholarship funds cannot be deposited into a personal bank account.

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All scholarship checks must be processed by the educational institution no later than October 1, 2027. If you are unable to meet this deadline, please contact scholarships@firsttechfed.com.

I received a scholarship but decided to attend a different college or university than the one listed on my application. What should I do?

Please contact us. We will stop payment on the original check and reissue the scholarship check for the institution you will be attending.

May I cash the check or deposit it into my personal bank account?

No. The scholarship check will be made payable to both the student and the educational institution they will attend. The student must endorse the check and forward it to the institution's Financial Aid Office, where the award will be applied toward eligible educational expenses.

Scholarship funds cannot be deposited into a personal bank account.

Can I defer my scholarship award if I decide to take a gap year?
No. Scholarship funds must be applied toward the upcoming Fall semester and cannot be deferred to a future academic year. If you decide to take a gap year, your scholarship will be forfeited. Please notify us as soon as possible so the funds may be awarded to another qualifying applicant.

Approved STEM Majors

Acoustics.

Actuarial Science.

Aeronautical/Aerospace Engineering Technology/Technician.

Aeronautics/Aviation/Aerospac e 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.

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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.

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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/Cytotechnologist.

Dairy Science.

Data Analytics, General.

Data Modeling/Warehousing and Database Administration.

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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/Electromechanical 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.

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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.

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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.

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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 Pathology/Phytopathology.

Plant Physiology.

Plant Protection and Integrated Pest Management.

Plant Sciences, General.

Plasma and High-Temperature Physics.

Plastics and Polymer Engineering Technology/Technician.

Polymer Chemistry.

Polymer/Plastics Engineering.

Population Biology.

Poultry Science.

Power Plant Engineering.

Pre-Engineering.

Psychometrics and Quantitative Psychology.

Psychopharmacology.

Quality Control Technology/Technician.

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Radar Communications and Systems Technology.

Radiation Biology/Radiobiology.

Range Science and Management.

Reproductive Biology.

Robotics Technology/Technician.

Science Technologies/Technicians, General.

Semiconductor Manufacturing Technology/Technician.

Signal/Geospatial Intelligence.

Social Psychology.

Social Sciences, Research Methodology and Quantitative Methods.

Soil Chemistry and Physics.

Soil Microbiology.

Soil Science and Agronomy, General.

Solar Energy Technology/Technician.

Space Systems Operations.

Statistics, General.

Statistics.

Strategic Intelligence.

Structural Biology.

Structural Engineering.

Surveying Engineering.

Surveying Technology/Surveying.

Sustainability Studies.

System, Networking, and LAN/WAN Management/Manager.

Systematic Biology/Biological Systematics.

Systems Engineering.

Systems Science and Theory.

Telecommunications Engineering.

Telecommunications Technology/Technician.

Textile Sciences and Engineering.

Theoretical and Mathematical Physics.

Theoretical Chemistry.

Topology and Foundations.

Toxicology.

Transportation and Highway Engineering.

Undersea Warfare.

Urban Forestry.

Veterinary Anatomy.

Veterinary Infectious Diseases.

Veterinary Microbiology and Immunobiology.

Veterinary Pathology and Pathobiology.

Veterinary Physiology.

Veterinary Preventive Medicine, Epidemiology, and Public Health.

Veterinary Toxicology and Pharmacology.

Virology.

Vision Science/Physiological Optics.

Water Quality and Wastewater Treatment Management and

Recycling Technology/Technician.

Water Resources Engineering.

Water, Wetlands, and Marine Resources Management.

Web Page, Digital/Multimedia and Information Resources Design.

Web/Multimedia Management and Webmaster.

Welding Engineering Technology/Technician.

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Wildlife Biology.

Wildlife, Fish and Wildlands Science and Management.

Wood Science and Wood Products/Pulp and Paper Technology/Technician.

Zoology/Animal Biology.