



## S-STEM SCHOLARS APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

### APPLICATION DEADLINE: JANUARY 15

The S-STEM Scholars Program at St. John Fisher College addresses the need for a high quality STEM workforce in areas of national priorities. Our program seeks to increase the success of academically talented students with demonstrated financial need who are pursuing baccalaureate degrees in biology and chemistry at Fisher. S-STEM Scholars will receive training in mindfulness and be part of a dynamic community of like-minded, high-achieving students pursuing a future in STEM. They will also have the opportunity to engage in faculty-mentored summer research, in addition to internship opportunities with one of our six community partners.

If you'd like to be considered for the S-STEM Scholars Program at St. John Fisher College, please complete the following:

- 1) Answer in 500-words or less the following question: *Describe your interest and experience in STEM and what is driving you to pursue the sciences.*

Your essay should give us a clear sense of what kind of student you are and, importantly, what kind of scholar you imagine yourself becoming. Please try to use detail in your response.

The response should be submitted in a typed single-spaced PDF. The document should contain the following information:

- Full name
- Identification number (found at top right corner of cover letter)
- High school
- Intended program of study (biology OR chemistry)

Please name your document using the following format: Last name, first name, 2019

Ex.: Johnson, Mark, 2019

Please email your final PDF to [STEMapp@sjfc.edu](mailto:STEMapp@sjfc.edu) **no later than January 15, 2019**. The subject line of your email should be your last name, your first name, and the year 2019. If you have any *application* questions, please contact Sarah Blackwood at (585) 385-8064 or [sblackwood@sjfc.edu](mailto:sblackwood@sjfc.edu). If you have any *program* questions, please contact Dr. Kristin Picardo at (585) 899-3802 or [kpicardo@sjfc.edu](mailto:kpicardo@sjfc.edu).

- 2) You must have one letter of recommendation submitted on your behalf directly from a science teacher (biology or chemistry teacher preferred) from their school email account. The letter must be submitted via email to [STEMapp@sjfc.edu](mailto:STEMapp@sjfc.edu) no later than January 15, 2019. The subject line of the recommender's email should be your last name, your first name, and the year 2019.
- 3) All candidates for the S-STEM Scholars Program must also file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by January 15, 2019.

**Application review begins on December 15, 2018 and continues until the final application deadline of January 15, 2019. Only complete applications (essay, letter of recommendation received, and FAFSA filed) will be reviewed.**

Finalists will be contacted for an interview in early February. Recipients will be notified by March 1, 2019.

To learn more about the S-STEM scholarship at Fisher, please visit <https://www.sjfc.edu/services/student-research/s-stem-scholars-program/>.