

**The National Science Foundation  
Benjamin Banneker  
Scholarship Program  
Central State University**

**Description:**

Through its NSF-Benjamin Banneker Scholarship Program, Central State University (CSU) is strengthening its Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) programs and broadening the STEM workforce by offering merit-based scholarships, in conjunction with academic and other student support, to high-achieving high school seniors or transfer students. This academic scholarship is a one-year \$7,500 award which is granted at a rate of \$3,750 per semester. The University Council on Undergraduate Research reviews the applications for the scholarship and makes the final selections and awards. This scholarship is open to Central State University students majoring in a STEM department. CSU, one of the nation's Historically Black Colleges and Universities and the only public one in Ohio, promotes matriculation and retention of its students through their participation in learning communities and a common first year seminar, support through the Center for Student Opportunities, and opportunities to excel in an Honors Program.

**Activities:**

In addition to their scholarships, each Banneker Scholar –

- (a) participates in a STEM Learning Community in which he/she lives in close proximity to other Scholars in the same residence hall while taking the same core set of rigorous courses;
- (b) participates in the Honors Program earning honors credit towards his/her diploma;
- (c) receives advising and mentoring by a faculty member whose expertise is in the scholar's interest area;
- (d) is tutored when assistance is needed with an academic area;
- (e) has access to other support services, as needed, including professional development, study skills, and counseling;
- (f) is encouraged into STEM-related internships in industries, governmental agencies and research institutions; and
- (g) is provided assistance in placement into careers and/or graduate or professional school.

**Eligibility:**

The eligibility criteria for acceptance into the scholarship program are:

- You must currently be an entering freshman at CSU with a STEM major
- You must have a minimum GPA of 3.0
- You must have an ACT score of 21 or better

- You must submit a Benjamin Banneker Scholarship application, a letter of interest summarizing your need of the scholarship, a statement of purpose.

The NSF- Benjamin Banneker Scholarship Program promotes academic excellence and the cross-fertilization of ideas among STEM fields. A cycle of year-round mentoring by experienced faculty mentors, interaction with peer and professional role models, and research training provides the inspiration for Benjamin Banneker Scholars to compete in graduate school and professional careers in STEM fields. If you are accepted into the program, you will receive an initial award of \$3,750. In order to be eligible to receive the remaining \$3,750 in the spring semester, you must achieve and maintain a GPA of at least 3.0 during the fall semester.

**Benjamin Banneker Scholars Program  
Scholarship Application Form  
Central State University**

To be eligible for consideration you must:

- Be an incoming freshman
- Major in Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics
- Have cumulative minimum grade point average of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale
- Have an ACT of 21 or better
- Submit an essay describing your career objectives and how the Benjamin Banneker Scholars Program can assist you in reaching your goals.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Local address: \_\_\_\_\_

Local phone number: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Phone (Cell) Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Permanent Home Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

ID #: \_\_\_\_\_

Birth Date: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Classification: \_\_\_\_\_ Freshman

Faculty Advisor: \_\_\_\_\_

U.S. Residency Status: \_\_\_\_\_ Citizen      \_\_\_\_\_ Permanent Resident

**Additional Requirements:**

- Maintain a 3.0 G.P.A.
- Participate in at least 2 Graduate School visits during the academic year.
- Participate in at least 2 professional development workshops during the academic year.

**CERTIFICATION:**

**All information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that I have read and understand and agree to comply with the above requirements.**

Student Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Submit applications to:**

**Mr. Gorgui Ndao, Manager  
Center for Student Opportunities  
Jenkins Hall, Room 123  
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