

Battelle - UCM Scholarship Information Sheet

Scholarship Purpose: Encourage economically-challenged high school graduates and/or recent graduates to study STEM in higher education.

Barriers: Many low-income families cannot support their children in achieving higher education. Students with potential must struggle to work and go to school, which can negatively affect their grades. The Battelle-UCM Scholarship will provide grant support to help students who have an interest in pursuing a STEM education.

Scholarships: Individual scholarships will be awarded each spring to eligible applicants. Half of the total award will be provided at the beginning of the 1st term. Students must provide evidence of successful class or course completion during their 1st term of study (a 3.0 GPA) before they receive the second disbursement of their scholarship monies. There are no exceptions to this rule.

Eligible participants:

- US Citizen or otherwise legally eligible to work and study in the USA.
- Senior in good standing at Bryant Alternative High School, Mt Vernon High School or West Potomac High School from low-income families.
- Applied and or plan to enroll full-time or part-time in a course of study related to STEM.
- Meet the Federal Pell Grant eligibility criteria.

Timeline:

- Program communicated to UCM community center personnel and area high school counselors (March/April 2018).
- UCM staff identify eligible students and provide application forms to students (through April 15, 2018).
- Applications postmarked or hand-delivered on May 1.
- Selection Committee of Battelle employees meets and decides on awards.
- Scholarships are awarded at area high school scholarship presentations in June and at a special Scholar Event held at UCM in June.
- Check-in with UCM: August, December, April, June of the school year.
- UCM will provide press releases and social media coverage of the Battelle-UCM Scholars at certain points throughout the year.

Accountability:

- Students are required to show evidence of achievement through course completion and reporting of grades at the end of each semester.
- Scholarships may be rescinded at any time if the student drops out of courses.

Additional Battelle Involvement:

- Students will be encouraged to participate in shadow days or weeks at the local Battelle office.
- Students may apply for summer internships, if available, at Battelle.