



2026 Philadelphia STEM Goes Red Scholarship Application

Thank you for your interest in applying for the 2026 Philadelphia STEM Goes Red Scholarship. The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement, with support from the **Somasundaram Family** and **Temple Health**, established this scholarship to help bridge the gap between students' passion for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) and their pursuit of meaningful careers in these fields.

In 2026, the Philadelphia STEM Goes Red Scholarship Committee will award four (4) scholarships of \$5,000 each to qualifying applicants.

Qualification Requirements:

- Previous Philadelphia STEM Goes Red event participant OR an 11th-12th grade student who commits to participating in the Fall 2026 STEM Goes Red event
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- U.S. citizen/permanent resident of the U.S.
- Applying for funding for the following:
 - Attendance at a college or university with the intent to major in a STEM-related field
 - Attendance at a vocational or technical trade institution with a focus on earning a degree/certificate in a STEM-related field

In addition to meeting the scholarship qualifications, a review committee will select finalists based on:

- Academic achievement
- Interest and commitment to pursue a career in a STEM field
- Submit one (1) essay between 500 (minimum) and 600 words (maximum)
- Up to (2) letters of recommendation (1 letter is required). Qualities should include maturity, motivation, self-confidence, leadership, interest, and commitment to STEM, and potential for success. Letters of recommendation can be from teachers, coaches, guidance counselors, mentors, etc.

Applications for the 2026 Philadelphia STEM Goes Red Scholarship are due **by October 16, 2026**. Applications may be submitted via JotForm or emailed to phillysystemscharship@heart.org.

Recipient(s) will be notified by October 30, **2026**. All notifications are final. Based on grade of individual, scholarship awards will be distributed to coincide with the **Fall 2027** semester and will be distributed to an accredited college, university, or trade institution or directly into a 529 Savings Plan. Funds for individuals still in high school will be held until the individual transitions to college, but that must occur within four years of the application submission. Individuals are not eligible to receive direct funds.



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Application Submission:

Submit an official application and answer essay questions through the online application. The High School Transcript and letters of recommendation can be uploaded to the jotform application or can be emailed to phillystemscholarship@heart.org by October 16, 2026. *Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered.*

- Student Application
- One (1) Essay submission (500-600 words)
- One (1) Copy of High School Transcript
- One (1) Letter of Recommendation is required. Students may submit an additional letter for a maximum of two (2) Letters of Recommendation.

Miscellaneous:

In the event that the operation or administration of the scholarship application or review process is impaired or prevented in any way for any reason, including, but not limited to fraud, change of condition, or other technical problems, AHA may in its sole discretion, either: (a) terminate the scholarship; (b) suspend the scholarship submission or review to address the impairment and then resume the scholarship in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these rules; and/or (c) substitute other award(s) for any award set forth in these Rules that becomes unavailable for any reason. AHA reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the scholarship or acting in violation of these rules. Failure to execute and return any agreements with AHA that are conditioned on winning will result in such Winner's automatic forfeiture of his/her award with no substitution or alternative available. AHA's failure to enforce any term of these rules shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision. Information provided by you for this scholarship is subject to AHA's privacy policy.

AHA is not responsible for: (i) electronic transmissions that are lost, late, stolen, incomplete, damaged or misdirected; (ii) any problems or technical malfunctions, errors, omissions, deletions, defects, communication failures or (iii) causes beyond AHA's reasonable control that jeopardize the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the scholarship. AHA will not be responsible if weather conditions, event cancellations, acts of God or other circumstances beyond their control prevent the award from being granted or the scholarship from taking place.

By submitting an application, participants and, if applicable, their parent or guardian, agree to release, discharge and hold harmless AHA and each of its affiliates, directors, officers, employees, and agents from and against any and all injuries, claims, losses, damages, actions and/or liability arising out of or in connection with, directly or indirectly, participation in and/or entry into the scholarship or acceptance, delivery, possession, use or misuse of any award received.

The determinations of AHA are final and binding with respect to any matter arising out of the interpretation or application of these rules.

Entrants agree and acknowledge that personal data submitted with an entry, including name, mailing address, phone number, and email address may be collected, processed, stored and otherwise used by AHA and its affiliates for the purposes of conducting and administering the

Contest. All personal information that is collected is subject to AHA's Privacy Policy, <https://www.heart.org/en/about-us/statements-and-policies/privacy-statement>