

SMART Application Part 1: Registration



Register Now!

The Department of Defense (DoD) SMART Scholarship-for-Service Program is a combined educational and workforce development opportunity for STEM students.

Answer the screening questions below to begin your application. If eligible, you will be emailed login information to begin your application.

Watch our eligibility requirements video for more information and be sure to follow us on social media. For additional application tips, visit the [video resources page](#). Best wishes!



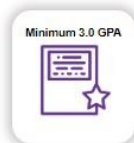
Eligibility



U.S. Citizen



18 Years or Older



Minimum 3.0 GPA



Degree in STEM



Minimum 1 Year

Registration form fields:

- First Name *
- Middle Name
- Last Name *
- Email * (This email will be your account username.)
- Date of Birth * (Please format date: yyyy-mm-dd)
- I am currently a citizen of * (- Select -)
- I am pursuing a degree in the following STEM discipline * (- Select -)
- Current University * (- Select -)
- Cumulative GPA *
- Current Academic Status * (- Select -)
- How did you hear about SMART? * (- Select -)

Agreement checkboxes:

- I am able to perform at least one summer internship if my award is more than 1 year long.
- I am willing and able to accept employment as a Department of Defense civilian (non-military) after degree completion.
- I acknowledge that I am required to have at least 1 year remaining prior to graduation from the start of the program (August 1, 2023).
- I acknowledge that I have a High School Diploma/GED, can produce a fall 2022 college transcript, or that I am pursuing a graduate degree.
- I acknowledge that I will be at least 18 years of age by the start of the program (August 1, 2023).

Benefits



Full Tuition



Annual Stipend
\$25,000- \$38,000



Book & Health
Allowance



Summer Internship



DoD Employment

SMART Application Part 2: Full Application

Landing Page



SMART Scholarship Application Portal

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Webinar Registration

SMART Applicant

Status: In-Progress

Withdraw

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- Privacy Act
- Application Instructions
- Program Materials
- About me
- Proposed Award Details
- Personal Statement
- My Experiences
- References

For your application to be evaluated, all sections must contain a check mark. A clock icon indicates one or more items are pending. As a reminder, you can submit your application while waiting for letters of recommendation to be uploaded.

Award Timeline



Privacy Act

The screenshot shows the SMART Application Portal interface. A purple modal window titled "Privacy Act Statement" is centered on the screen. The modal contains the following text:

Privacy Act Statement

AUTHORITY: 10 U.S.C. 4093, Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Defense Education Program; 10 U.S.C. 133a, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering; DoD Directive 5137.02, Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (USD(R&E)); DoD Instruction 1025.09, Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation Defense Education Program; and Executive Order 9397, Number System for Federal Accounts Relating to Individual Persons, as amended.

PURPOSE: To collect information from applicants to the SMART Scholarship Program needed to identify and award qualified individuals for scholarship award.

ROUTINE USES: While the information requested on this form is primarily intended to be used internally, in certain circumstances it may be necessary to disclose this information externally, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552a(b)(3), including: to contractors, grantees, experts, consultants, students, and others performing or working on a contract, service, grant, cooperative agreement, or other assignment for the Federal Government when necessary to accomplish an agency function; to academic institutions for the purpose of providing progress reports for applicants and participants; and to consumer reporting agencies as defined in the Fair Credit Reporting Act (15 U.S.C. 1681a(f)) or the Federal Claims Collection Act of 1966 (31 U.S.C. 3701(a)(3)) to aid in the collection of outstanding debts owed to the Federal government, typically to provide an incentive for debtors to repay delinquent Federal government debts by making these debts part of their credit records. A complete list of routine uses may be found in the applicable Privacy Act System of Records Notice, DUSDA 14, Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Information management System, found at <https://dpcld.defense.gov/Portals/49/Documents/Privacy/SORNs/OSDJS/DUSDA-14.pdf?ver=K0ZZKLWhxB3QCZoRTEIMFA%3d%3d>

DISCLOSURE: Voluntary; however, failure to provide the requested information may result in the applicant being ineligible to receive a SMART Scholarship award.

Agency Disclosure Notice

The public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 8 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the

I have reviewed the SMART Privacy Act

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Application Instructions

The screenshot shows the SMART Application Portal interface. A purple modal window titled "Application Instructions" is centered on the screen. The modal contains the following text:

2022 Application Instructions

Applying for a STEM scholarship? You've come to the right place. This is everything you need to know about the Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship-For-Service Program.

The SMART application window opens **August through December every year**. All applicants are required to submit applications online **by December 1 at 5:00 PM EST**. Supporting materials, such as references letters, must be received **by December 1 at 5:00 PM EST**. Traditionally, applicants are notified of their award in the spring. **Application materials are not returned to applicants**. The following information may be useful in planning and preparing your application packet.

Important Information to Know Before Applying

Applicants need to complete the registration page to ensure eligibility and receive access to the Application Portal. Upon registration, applicants will be sent an email with information on how to login and start the application. Once an account is created, applicants will be directed to the SMART Application Portal. Before logging in, please carefully read the [Account Authentication Set Up instructions](#).

Every task in the portal must be complete for the submit button to appear; you can track your progress with the progress bar at the top of the page. The portal contains materials to assist you in completing the application and is a way for you to monitor the status of your application.

The SMART Application Portal consists of the following:

- [Privacy Act Statement](#)
- [Application Instructions](#)
- [Program Materials](#)
- [About Me](#)
- [Proposed Award Details](#)
- [Personal Statement](#)
- ..

I have reviewed the SMART application instructions

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Program Materials: Opens a new tab to the [SMART Videos page](#)

About Me

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SMART Application

About Me

As you complete this page, please click "save" within each section.
Once you enter all of your responses, go back to the homepage to complete your application.

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Contact Info 

Permanent Address 

Citizenship 

Demographics 


Veteran Status 

Contact Info

Contact Info 


<input type="text" value="First Name *"/>	<input type="text" value="Middle Name"/>	<input type="text" value="Last Name *"/>
<input type="text" value="Suffix"/>	<input type="text" value="Other Name"/>	<input type="text"/>
<input type="text" value="Resident State *"/>	<small>The state or territory you are a resident of for tuition purposes. If your territory is not listed, then select 'Other'.</small>	<input type="text" value="Secondary Email"/>

Permanent Address

Permanent Address 

<input type="text" value="Street Address Line 1 *"/>	<input type="text" value="Street Address Line 2"/>		
<input type="text" value="City *"/>	<input type="text" value="State *"/>	<input type="text" value="Zip Code *"/>	<input type="text" value="Country *"/>
<input type="text" value="Primary Telephone *"/>	<input type="text" value="Alternate Telephone"/>		

Citizenship

Citizenship 

Incomplete or inaccurate reporting of citizenship status may result in disqualification.

<input type="text" value="I am currently a citizen of *"/>	<input type="text" value="US Citizenship Status *"/>	
<input type="text" value="City of Birth *"/>	<input type="text" value="State of Birth *"/>	<input type="text" value="Country of Birth *"/>

Demographics

This information is used to determine the degree to which members of diverse sections of the eligible population are aware of and apply for this program. See the [Privacy Act Statement](#) for more information. This information will not be provided to evaluators and will not impact your eligibility in any way.

The following information is voluntary, if you do not wish to answer the questions, simply select the "I do not wish to respond" option under each question.

Are you the dependent of a current active duty member of the United States Armed Forces? * Yes No I do not wish to respond

Are you the spouse of a current active duty member of the United States Armed Forces? * Yes No I do not wish to respond

Have you served in the United States Armed Forces? Please specify dates if applicable.

Service Start Date End Date

I am registered with the [Selective Service](#) * Yes, I am registered No, I am not registered Not required to register

Do you currently receive, or are you eligible to receive, [Federal Pell Grant Funding](#)? * Yes No Unsure I do not wish to respond

Gender * Ethnicity * I have a disability *

Race (select all that apply) *

- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Asian
- Black or African American
- Middle Eastern or North African
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- White
- I do not wish to respond


Have either of your parents earned a four-year college/university degree? * Yes No Unsure I do not wish to respond

What language did you learn first? * English Other I do not wish to respond

Please enter the other language that you learned first: *

What language do you speak most often? * English Other I do not wish to respond

Demographics

Veteran Status 

Veteran Preference *


No preference claimed ▼

No preference claimed

5 points preference claimed

10 points preference claimed

Veteran Status

Veteran Status 

Veteran Preference *

5 points preference claimed ▼

For questions regarding who is eligible for 5 or 10 point preference, please click [here](#).

If you are claiming the 5 point preference, you must submit:

- a copy of your DD-214

If you are claiming the 10 point preference, you must submit, a copy of your:

- DD-214
- SF-15
- letter from the VA (including a VA POC)

The forms must be submitted with your application by December 01, 2022.

Veteran Preference Documentation (PDF only) *

If 5 or 10 points preference claimed:

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Proposed Award Details

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In this section you will provide details on your proposed awards. Please fill out each section to let the program know the degree you are seeking funding for as well as your sponsoring facility preferences. We encourage you to watch our application tip video series to complete each section.


As you complete this page, please click "save" within each section.

Application Tips:
Proposed Area of Study

Application Tips:
Sponsoring Facilities

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Proposed Area of Study 

Sponsoring Facility Preferences 

Proposed Award Details

Proposed Area of Study

Proposed Area of Study

In this section, please provide details regarding the degree for which you are seeking SMART funding. For more guidance, refer to the Application Instructions on the Application Portal landing page.

For graduate students, you must be accepted for admission into an eligible program by the time of the award start date (August 2023).

Use the search bar to find your proposed institution below. If you have not decided on an institution, select "Undecided."

Proposed Institution *

Proposed Degree *

The date of completion must fall within the 1-year requirement (i.e. Spring 2024 or later).

Anticipated SMART Program Start Date *

Estimated Date of Completion *

Proposed Year(s) of Funding *

Are you currently enrolled in the degree program for which you seek funding? *

Yes No

Please select the discipline to which your particular course of study is most closely related.

Discipline *

Concentration

Name of Academic Program/Major *

I acknowledge that I will be enrolled and completing my degree in the Spring 2024 term or later. *

Yes

I acknowledge that if offered a multi-year award, I am required to perform an internship in Summer 2024. *

Yes

Save

Next

Facility Preferences

Sponsoring Facility Preferences




The SMART Sponsoring Facility is the lab or agency where SMART Scholars perform all internships and complete their service commitment upon degree completion. The SMART Program works with more than 200 labs and facilities across the United States. To view a list of our Sponsoring Facilities please visit the [SMART Website](#).

Please note that selecting a facility as a preference does not guarantee selection or offer of an award. Preference selection does not limit other facilities from reviewing your application.

Please select your top three facility preferences and provide a reason for each selection; this will assist facilities during the selection process. You may add up to five facilities.


Please select your top three Sponsoring Facility preferences.

[+ Add Facility Preference](#)

	Sponsoring Facility Preference	Reason for Selection	
1*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
2*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	
3*	<input type="text"/>	<input type="text"/>	

Please select your top three geographic preferences. (Optional)

[+ Add Region Preference](#)

1	<input type="text"/>	
2	<input type="text"/>	

[Save](#)

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Personal Statement

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All Applicants

Application Tips:
Personal Statement

In a concise statement, please explain the following:

- Your educational and professional goals;
- The factors and experience that led you to choose your field of study;
- How working as part of the DoD civilian workforce will further your technical and professional goals; and
- How your experience, interests, and goals will further the DoD mission.

In your response, discuss any specific challenges or problems in your field that most interest you as well as why you want to work for the DoD.

Your response must be between 3,500 and 7,000 characters, including spaces. All applicants must answer the initial prompt. There are additional questions for those applying as graduate students and retention applicants. Be sure to save your work offline for your records and to prevent losing content due to a session timeout.

Please cite any sources used in your statement. There is no preferred format for citations. Please avoid using special characters such as: < or >. Citations will be included in the character count.

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Graduate Students

In addition to the questions above, elaborate on the kinds of research you have engaged in or would like to engage in during your studies as well as during your expected tenure with the DoD. Please discuss these research interests in sufficient detail for an expert who is technically competent in your field to judge your understanding of the questions to be addressed, relevant hypotheses and approaches one might take to answering the questions, and other research principles required to investigate in the research area you identify.

Retention Applicants

In addition to the questions above, explain how your selected academic program and resulting degree will benefit your current place of DoD employment. Please be specific.

Type your text here

Min: 3500 Max: 7000 Count: 0

Save

Personal Statement

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My Experiences

In this section you will provide information on your academic and professional background. Please upload your most recent transcript as well as any other required documents. You can refer to the application instructions on the Application Portal landing page for more information.

Application Tips:
My Experiences

As you complete this page, please click "save" within each section.

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Academic Background 

Professional Experience 

Community & Volunteer Work 

Leadership 

Teamwork 

Publications & Presentations 

Awards & Honors 

Previous Programs 

My Experiences

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References

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References should be individuals who have had direct interaction with you, preferably in a STEM-related activity. This can include (but not limited to) professors, faculty, internship supervisors, advisors, mentors or others who have current or recent knowledge of your academic accomplishments or your professional experiences.

Application Tips:
References

- Carefully review reference instructions
 - Notify your references that you are requesting a recommendation letter
 - Enter contact information for at least two (2) references
 - You may enter up to five (5) but only the top three (3) will be reviewed, if provided.
 - Rank each reference
 - Click Send Email for References
- References will be sent an email with instructions on uploading the recommendation letter
 - All recommendations must be on official letterhead
 - Click here for further guidance on the reference process
 - Recommendation letters must be uploaded by the application deadline.
 - Monitor the status of your letters on the Application Landing page
 - Do not use ".k12" email accounts for a reference to avoid firewall constraints

Applicants are responsible for following up with the references to make sure the recommendation letters are uploaded by the application deadline.

Name:

Email:

Relationship:



Cancel

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Reference Example

Email: example@reference.com

Relationship: Reference

Status: Pending



Send Email



Edit



Delete

References