



AnchorSTEM College Scholarship

Engaging with Community for Undergraduate Student Success in Mathematics, Science and Engineering at University of San Diego
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Greetings,

We are excited to reach out to you on behalf of the AnchorSTEM Project at the University of San Diego to share an incredible opportunity for your graduating high school seniors. The AnchorSTEM Scholarship Project aims to sustain and strengthen partnerships with pre-college serving community organizations to establish a reciprocal, ongoing mechanism to support the retention, graduation and success in Mathematics, Engineering and Science of local Rising Stars. The scholarship program offers *incoming fall 2024 first year USD students*:

- **A Thriving STEM Community:** Join a community of like-minded peers who share your passion for STEM. You'll have access to mentors, professors, and resources to help you thrive academically and professionally.
- **Leadership Development:** AnchorSTEM will help you develop your leadership skills, empowering you to become a leader in your chosen field and make a meaningful impact on the world.
- **Financial Support:** The AnchorSTEM Scholarship offers financial assistance to ease the burden of tuition costs, allowing you to focus on your studies and personal growth.

As an Anchor Institution, the University of San Diego engages our communities in deeply meaningful ways to advance educational equity and become students' first-choice university! When students apply and are admitted into the incoming class of 2028, they take a significant step towards fulfilling the eligibility criteria for the AnchorSTEM Scholarship:

- **Demonstrated Interest in STEM:** We are looking for students who have shown a genuine passion for science, technology, engineering, or mathematics. This could be demonstrated through coursework, extracurricular activities, projects, or other relevant experiences.
- **Proven Financial Need:** We understand that the cost of higher education can be a significant barrier for many students. The AnchorSTEM Scholarship is intended to alleviate this burden, making it possible for deserving students to pursue their dreams without the burden of excessive student debt.
- **First-Generation College Student:** We are especially interested in supporting those students who will be the first in their families to attend college. The AnchorSTEM Scholarship aims to provide mentorship and guidance to help these students navigate the challenges of higher education.

We firmly believe that your organization plays a pivotal role in identifying and nurturing talented students in your community. We kindly request that students consider submitting their applications to the University of San Diego by **December 1, 2023**. Upon successful admission and eligibility, they will receive an invitation to apply for AnchorSTEM.

We value our partnerships with community organizations like yours, and we look forward to the opportunity to work together in supporting the educational aspirations of these exceptional students. Should you have any questions or require further information about the AnchorSTEM Scholarship, please do not hesitate to reach out to us at anchorstem@sandiego.edu. Thank you for your continued commitment to the academic success of your students, and for helping us identify and support the next generation of STEM leaders.

Warm regards,
AnchorSTEM Project