



# USRA SCHOLARSHIP AWARD PROGRAM

The USRA Scholarship Award Program **provides annual college scholarship awards** to **outstanding students** who have shown a career interest in the **physical sciences, engineering or life sciences** with an emphasis on **space research, space science education, or aeronautics-related sciences.**



## OVERVIEW

Four undergraduate scholarship awards are available in amounts of \$4,000 each. Scholarships are awarded for one year only, but recipients may re-apply for a second year.

All awards will be paid directly to the recipients. The USRA Scholarships are awarded to U.S. citizens, but without regard to race, gender, religion, age, national origin, sexual orientation or gender identity. USRA will not make scholarship awards to applicants who are not qualified and reserves the right not to award a scholarship in a given year.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

### **Thomas R. McGetchin Memorial Scholarship Award**

The Thomas R. McGetchin Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in honor of Dr. McGetchin and his contributions to planetary science.

### **John R. Sevier Memorial Scholarship Award**

The John R. Sevier Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established in honor of Dr. Sevier and his contributions to aerospace science.

### **James B. Willett Educational Memorial Scholarship Award**

Willett worked for the nation's space program for more than twenty eight years until his passing on June 19, 1998. The James B. Willett Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by the Willett family in honor of Dr. Willett and his contributions to astrophysics.

### **Frederick A. Tarantino Memorial Scholarship Award**

This scholarship award recognizes the late Frederick A. Tarantino, USRA President and CEO from 2006 - 2014, in recognition of his many contributions to USRA and his dedication to furthering the education of young scientists and engineers in space science related fields.

Each of these four scholarships is a highly competitive one-time award of \$4,000 that is given to the student who best represents the goals and mission of USRA and its scholarship donors. Successful past recipients have come from many academic disciplines but all have demonstrated the academic achievement required for the scientific workforce of the future, and a passion for space exploration research or space-related education.





## ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS & CRITERIA

To be considered for any USRA Scholarship, applicants must be full-time undergraduate students attending a four-year accredited college or university that offers courses leading to a degree in science or engineering. Applicants must be within two (2) years of earning a B.S. by the time the award is received. Applicants must be U.S. citizens.

Applicants must be majoring in the science or engineering. This would include, but is not limited to, aerospace engineering, astronomy, astrobiology, biophysics, computer science, earth science, electrical engineering, geophysics, geology, mathematics, mechanical engineering, physics, and space science education.

Applicants must have demonstrated or expressed interest in aeronautics-related sciences, space research and/or space science education.

Applicants must be in good academic standing at their institutions and carry a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50.

Awards are made in the fall, with applications accepted from early June to early August.

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## NEXT STEPS

To learn more about the scholarships USRA has to offer or to apply, please visit [www.usra.edu/about/outreach/scholarship/](http://www.usra.edu/about/outreach/scholarship/).