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# Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship School Certifying Official (SCO) Webinar

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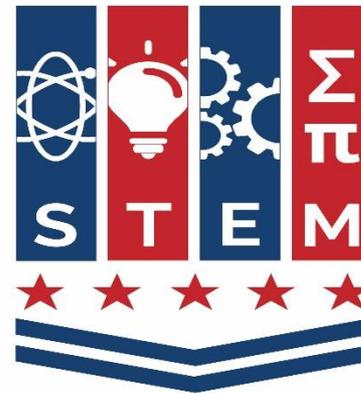
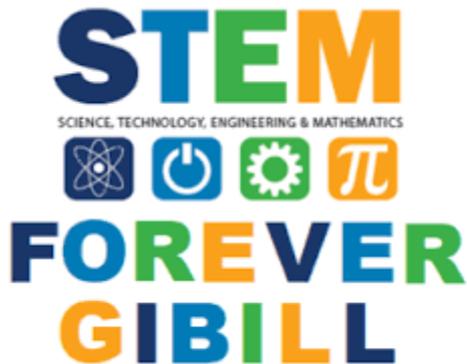
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# Topics Of Discussion on STEM

- Eligibility Requirements
- SCO Responsibilities
- Certifying Enrollments
- Reapplying/Priority Information
- VA-ONCE Functionality





# What Is STEM

The Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship is a provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act of 2017 (Forever GI Bill). This provision provides up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (not to exceed \$30,000) to eligible students training in the high-demand fields of **Science**, **Technology**, **Engineering**, and **Math** (**STEM**)

## Science



## Technology



## Engineering



## Mathematics

$\sin \alpha = \frac{BC}{c} = \frac{a}{c}$ ;  
 $\cos \alpha = \frac{OB}{c} = \frac{b}{c}$ ;  
 $\operatorname{tg} \alpha = \frac{OB}{OA} = \frac{b}{a}$ ;  
 $\operatorname{ctg} \alpha = \frac{OA}{OB} = \frac{a}{b}$

$\sin \alpha = A \sin \alpha \operatorname{ctg} \alpha$ ;  
 $\cos \alpha = \cos^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \alpha$ ;  
 $\operatorname{tg} \alpha = \frac{b}{a}$ ;  
 $\frac{b}{a} = \frac{b \operatorname{ctg} \alpha}{1 - \operatorname{tg}^2 \alpha}$

$\alpha^\circ = \frac{180}{\pi} \alpha$ ;  $\alpha = \frac{\pi}{180} \alpha^\circ$ ;  $\sin^2 \alpha + \cos^2 \alpha = 1$ ;  
 $360^\circ = 2\pi$ ;  $180^\circ = \pi$ ;  $\frac{\sin \alpha}{\cos \alpha} = \operatorname{tg} \alpha$ ;  
 $\sin \alpha \cdot \operatorname{csc} \alpha = 1$ ;  
 $\frac{\cos \alpha}{\sin \alpha} = \operatorname{ctg} \alpha$

$u = A \sin(\omega t + \varphi)$   
 $u = a \sin \omega t + b \cos \omega t$   
 $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$ ;  
 $\Delta = 4ac - b^2$   
 $a > 0$ ;  
 $\operatorname{tg} \varphi = \pm a^2 \left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$



# Who is Eligible?

## Individuals must:

- Be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill or Fry Scholarship
- Pursue a degree in the STEM field or a teaching certificate, and hold a STEM undergraduate degree
- Have exhausted entitlement OR will exhaust entitlement within 180 days of application
- Have completed at least 60 semester or 90 quarter hours towards a STEM degree
- Post-secondary degree requires at least 120 semester or 180 quarter for completion in a standard, undergraduate degree







## Activation or Disenrollment

Recall to Active Duty or Disenrollment:

- VA will only pay scholarship benefits while the student remains enrolled in the program for which they received the award
- Any partial months or reductions in course load will be prorated accordingly
- Any call up to Active Duty will be evaluated for applicable determination





# STEM Applications

Schools must provide the following information to VA:

- Program Name
- Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP Code) will be added to all development letters
- Credit hours completed toward STEM program
- Credit hours required for specified STEM program
- If the student is pursuing a teaching certificate, what undergrad degree was received
- Students undergraduate STEM degree completion for teaching certificate

**NOTE:** Please Do Not send transcripts of STEM applicants





## Applications

- Application requests should be sent to [STEM.VBABUF@va.gov](mailto:STEM.VBABUF@va.gov).
- VA will notify SCOs by mail, phone, and/or email when a student at their school applies for the STEM scholarship. SCOs may reply through any of those channels. Correspondence in writing is preferred
- **NOTE**: VA cannot process STEM claims without this critical information

## Reapplications

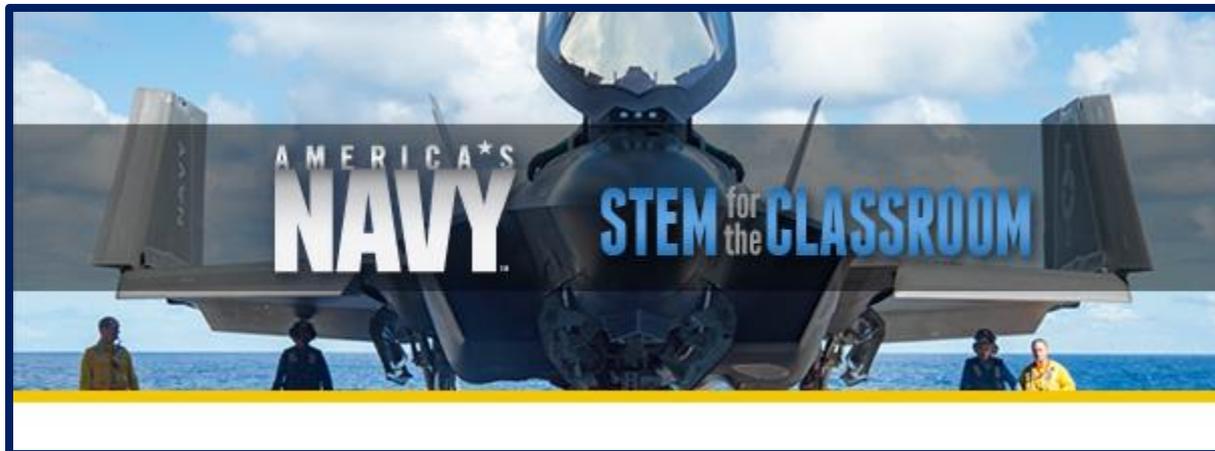
- All Reapplications will be accepted. VA will determine eligibility
- The facility can certify and award STEM students the facility's portion of Yellow Ribbon, but VA is unable to match any Yellow Ribbon payments made for students



## VA Responsibility

The Student's STEM Certificate of Eligibility (COE) notification letter will include the following information:

- Scholarship Effective Date
- Scholarship Termination Date
- Projected date of exhaustion
- The school will also receive notification so SCO knows student is eligible for the STEM Scholarship





# STEM Enrollments

## Certifying STEM:

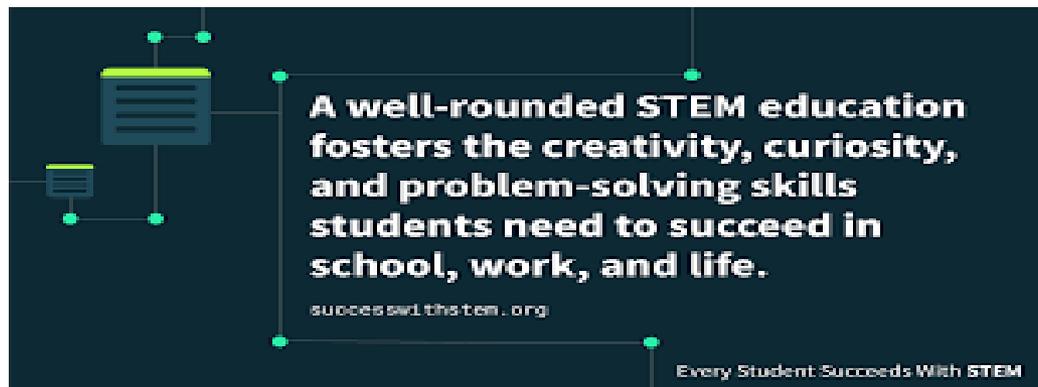
- When submitting enrollment information for STEM students, the SCO must mark the "STEM Indicator" found on the BIO page within VA-ONCE. This indicator will ensure the enrollment certification is properly routed to the Buffalo Regional Processing Office (RPO) for action. Buffalo will be the only RPO processing STEM Applicants





## STEM Priority

- VA began accepting applications effective August 1, 2019
- VA will rank order all eligible recipients, with priority going to those who have the most credit hours remaining in program, who have the highest Chapter 33 benefit level, and who have not transferred their eligibility
- TOE recipients can apply for the STEM scholarship however, they receive less points towards prioritization. Priority determinations are done on a case by case basis
- Funding is capped on an annual basis, so VA may not award all eligible applicants a scholarship





## STEM Priority Matrix Points

- The most credit hours toward completing a STEM degree or STEM Teaching Certificate receive more points
- The highest benefit level receive more points
- Have a STEM degree and pursuing a STEM Teaching Certificate receive more points
- If a beneficiary transferred their Chapter 33 benefits they will have a reduced priority value





## Transfer Students

- Transfers will be allowed only for students who remain in the same program (e.g. switching from Mechanical Engineering at School #1 to Mechanical Engineering at School #2)
- Scholarship recipients will only be able to receive support if they transfer to a new school while pursuing the same degree
- If the recipient transfers to a different degree program at the same school or at a new school, STEM benefits will terminate as soon as they stop pursuing the degree under which they originally applied for the scholarship
- For payments to be made, the new school will need to certify the enrollment of the student
- The SCO at the new school would need to submit the program information on the confirmation notification letter to confirm enrollment in a STEM program and to maintain entitlement to the STEM Scholarship



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# VA-ONCE For STEM





## VA-ONCE Functionality STEM

Changes made within VA-ONCE to accommodate STEM:

- Addition of a STEM Scholarship Student indicator on the Student Bio page
- If checked, an automatic remark, “STEM Scholarship Recipient”, will be added to every certification
- All certifications with STEM Scholarship Student checked will be routed to the Buffalo RPO
- A new VBS Standard Remark has been added for Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes





# STEM Scholarship Student Checkbox

A checkbox has been added to the Student Bio page. If the student has applied for, or is receiving the STEM Scholarship, the checkbox should be checked

Do NOT check this box if the student is in a STEM program, but NOT receiving the STEM Scholarship

The screenshot shows the VAONCE Student Bio Data form for a student named VINNY BARBARINO. The form includes fields for personal information, contact details, and program information. A red box highlights the 'STEM Scholarship Recipient' checkbox, which is checked. Other visible information includes the student's SSN (333-78-9123), File/Payee (333-78-9123/00), and Program (BA PSYCH).

**VAONCE** Save Cancel Print Student

Name: BARBARINO, VINNY Program: BA PSYCH  
SSN: 333-78-9123 Chapter: 33  
File/Payee: 333-78-9123/00 Training Type: Undergraduate

VAonced04 2-2-2222-22

**Bio Data**

**Bio** Certs VA Data Log History

Salutation First Name\* Middle Name Last Name\* Suffix  
VINNY BARBARINO

Address\* Location Domestic  
123 TEST DR  
ANYTOWN VA  
City\* State\*

22230 Zip\* Zip Suffix

Phone Extension  
noreply@noreply.com Email\*

Alternate Email

Notes

2-2-X222-22 Facility Code  
Psychology - BA Program\*  
NONE Program\*

Prior Training Credit\*  
 Guest Student  Active Duty  
 STEM Scholarship Recipient

Primary School -- Name -- State

User Def 1 User Def 2 User Def 3 User Def 4

Tasks Margin Help



## Student Checkbox- Continued:

The chapter must be Chapter 33 or Chapter 33 Yellow in order for the STEM Scholarship box to be checked

If another chapter is selected, a warning will appear which states, "Chapter code must be 33 or 33 Yellow for STEM Scholarship."

SSN\* 333789123

Student ID 00 30

File Number\* IHL\_UNDERGRAD

Payee#

Chapter\* 30

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ANYTOWN

City\* 22230

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Psychology

Program\*

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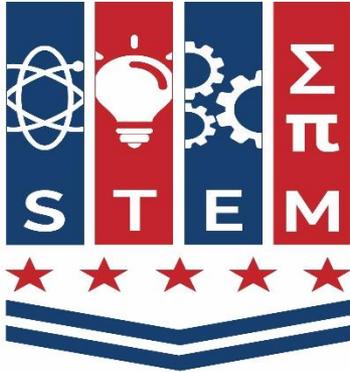
Message from webpage

 Chapter Code must be 33 or 33 YELLOW for STEM Scholarship.

OK



# Automatic Remark



Any certification that is started when the STEM Scholarship box is checked will have a “STEM Scholarship Recipient” remark inserted

	Term Name	Info	Begin Date	End Date	Res	Dist	R/D	Clock	LDA/Eff Date	Facility Code	Cert ID
▼ 4	SPRING 20		01/15/2020	05/15/2020	12	0				22X22222	46095601
4	SPRING 20		01/15/2020	05/15/2020	12	0				22X22222	46095601

Save Cancel

**View Enrollment**  
 Facility: 22X22222    Trng Type: IHL\_UNDERGRAD    Prgrm: BA PSYCH    Prior Credit: 4

SPRING 20	▶	01/15/2020	05/15/2020	12	0			4500.00
Term Name		Begin Date*	End Date*	Res	Dist*	R/D	Clock	T & F*

Advance Pay     Accelerated Pay (high-tech courses only)

LDA/EFF Date

**Remarks** Modify Remarks List

STEM Scholarship Recipient

Enroll Begin	Dates End	Res Hrs	Dist Hrs	R/D Hrs	Clock Hrs	T&F Amt	Yellow Ribbon Program Amount	Out St Chg
01/15/20	05/15/20	12					\$4,500.00	
<b>Remarks</b>								
01/15/20-05/15/20: STEM Scholarship Recipient								



# Routing

All STEM Scholarship Enrollments and Changes will be sent to the Buffalo RPO. It is important to only check the box if the scholarship has been confirmed, since the claim could go to the incorrect RPO and result in delays

A VBA Standard Remark has been added for STEM Scholarship Recipients. When sending the first Enrollment for a STEM Scholarship student, please select the remark and input the CIP number for the program. The remark is, "STEM Scholarship – The CIP For The Program Is XXX", where the X's are the CIP Code

**New Remark** Save Cancel

**VBA Standard Remarks**

STEM Scholarship - The CIP For The Program Is

11.05

CIP Code

**School Standard Remarks**

Other Remarks- 125 characters are allowed

125

The Remark will print as shown below

Remarks

01/15/20-05/15/20: STEM Scholarship - The CIP for the program is 11.05  
01/15/20-05/15/20: STEM Scholarship Recipient



# Program Information

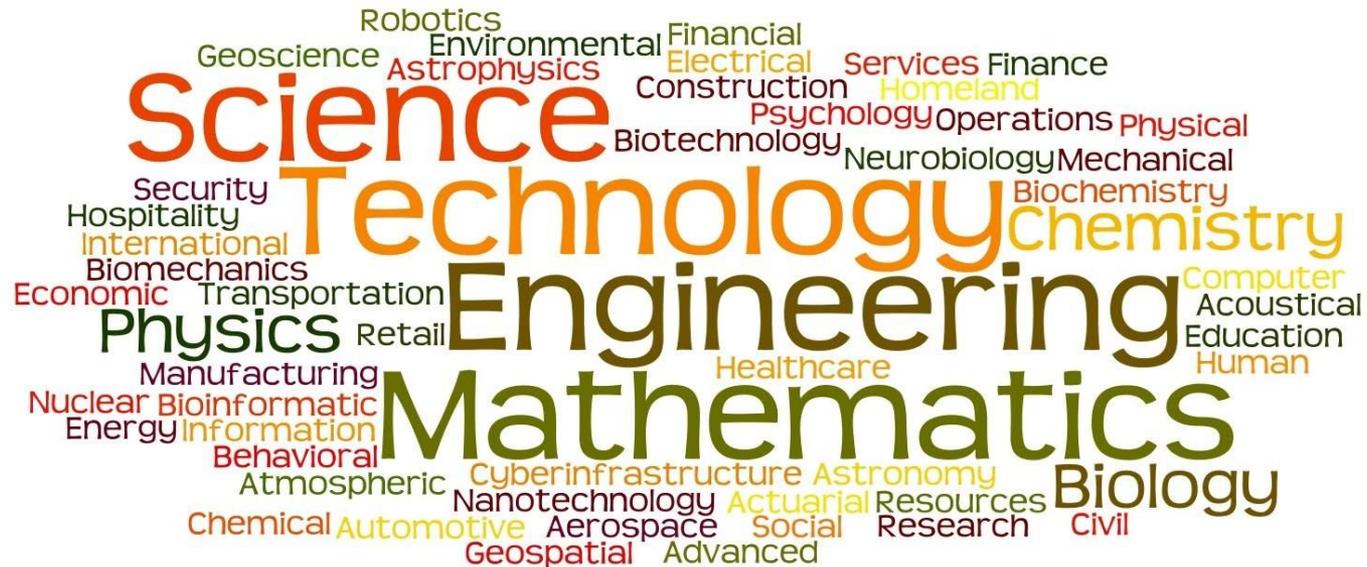
## What We Need from Your School

Program Information		
School Name	[School name]	
STEM Program Name	[Program name]	
STEM Program CIP Code		
Required Credit Hours for STEM Program	SEM	QTR
Credit Hours Completed Toward STEM Program	SEM	QTR
School Certifying Official Name		
School Certifying Official Signature		



# STEM Summary

- The requirements for eligibility of STEM benefits
- SCO responsibilities for STEM
- Certification of STEM students
- Reapplying/priority information
- VA-ONCE STEM functions





# Conclusion

Please submit any of your STEM Questions within the Q&A Pod



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