

2017 ASF-UW SCHOLARSHIP FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

(For more details, see the 2017 ASF-PhilosophyAndProcedures.pdf)

1) Do I have to want to become an astronaut to apply?

No. The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation offers scholarships to outstanding students who are interested in pursuing a variety of careers in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM). In the past, ASF has awarded scholarships to UW students majoring in astronomy, biochemistry, mathematics, physics and electrical engineering, to name a few. You can see a complete list of UW awardees and their majors at <http://astronautscholarship.org/university/university-of-washington/>

2). Are only Space Grant scholars/community members eligible to apply?

No. Any University of Washington student who is working on a STEM degree is eligible to apply and many past awardees have not been Space Grant scholars,

3) Do I have to be enrolled in classes at the UW-Seattle campus?

No. Qualified STEM students at UW-Tacoma and UW-Bothell are encouraged to apply.

4) I am majoring in physics and minoring in art history. Should I still apply for the ASF scholarship?

Absolutely. Your STEM major and research experience(s) are the important factors.

5) Do I qualify if I'm a life sciences major who plans to study medicine?

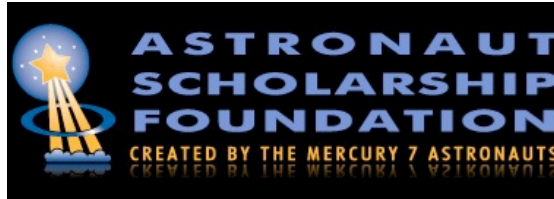
No. The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation wants to encourage students pursuing STEM careers in fields with strong research components. Scholarships are not awarded for pre-medical studies. However, students pursuing biomedical research careers are included.

6) For my second letter of recommendation, may I submit a letter from an academic administrator and/or graduate student lab mentor?

Not recommended. In general, the most effective letters of recommendation will come from STEM faculty who know you well. Please note that your primary nomination letter *must* be submitted by a STEM faculty member.

7) Am I eligible to apply for this scholarship if I am not yet a U.S. citizen but will become so after the application deadline?

Maybe. You will need to submit a letter to the selection committee explaining your situation; the Astronaut Scholarship Foundation will make the final decision on your eligibility.



8) If I receive an ASF scholarship as a UW student then transfer to another school or different degree program will I be able to take my scholarship with me?

No. Your scholarship is awarded to you as a UW student majoring in a specific field and is not transferable.

9) If I am awarded an ASF scholarship, may I apply to renew it?

Yes. Awardees qualify to apply for renewal if they have not completed their UW undergraduate work and show appropriate progress in their STEM curriculum.

10) If I receive an ASF scholarship, how will the \$10,000 award be distributed?

You will receive the award in three even payments during the 2017-2018 academic year (Autumn, Winter and Spring Quarters). Washington NASA Space Grant Consortium coordinates the disbursements and informs the awardee once the scholarship is available.

11) Is there a specific GPA requirement to apply for an ASF scholarship?

No specific GPA is required to apply for an ASF scholarship. The Astronaut Scholarship Foundation states: "Ideal candidates will have exhibited motivation, imagination and exceptional performance in their fields, as well as intellectual daring and a genuine desire to positively change the world around them, both in and out of the classroom."