



Judith Ann (Smith) Hill STEM Scholarship

The Judith Ann (Smith) Hill STEM Scholarship is designed to reduce financial barriers for Milwaukie High School (MHS) senior women students with academic and leadership potential and a demonstrated desire to major in and pursue a career in science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM).

Preference will be given to student(s) who might not otherwise be able to attend college. In addition to financial need, preference will be given to first generation students (those who do not have a parent with a four-year college/university degree or who have faced other equally challenging life circumstances).

Although students attending out of state schools may apply, more points may be awarded to students attending a college or university in Oregon or in the bordering states of Washington, Idaho or Northern California

Purpose

The Judith Ann (Smith) Hill STEM Scholarship was established by Ken Hill in memory of his wife Judith (Judy). She was born in 1942 in Portland and attended Wichita and Oak Grove Schools. At Milwaukie High School (MHS), she fell in love with the sciences. After graduation from MHS in 1961, she chose Oregon State University (OSU) due to its excellent Department of Science to pursue her love of chemistry. Ken reported, "Unfortunately during her freshman year, her chemistry professor let the class know that he didn't feel *girls* should be in the field of science." After continual badgering, Judy changed her major to education, one of the more acceptable professions, for a *girl*. Being discouraged from scientific careers was quite a common experience for many women during the 1960s.

This program was specifically created to help redress the under-representation of women in STEM careers. For more information on STEM, please refer to "Science, Technology, Engineering and Math" (www.ed.gov/stem) and "Women in Stem" (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/administration/eop/ostp/women>)

Amount of the Award (s)

The Judith Ann (Smith) Hill STEM Scholarship will award scholarships of \$2500 to two graduating seniors for the cost of tuition and fees as well as other costs included in their financial aid package at the four year college or university the student attends. Funds are to be distributed to their college or university's financial aid office upon request once the student is registered.

Type of Award

The scholarship is renewable for one additional year. It is to be payable to and administered by the student's college or university as part of their financial aid package.

Conditions for Continuation of Award

The scholarship is renewable for a second year. The conditions for scholarship renewal are as follows:

1. The student must have achieved a GPA of at least a 2.5 and be continuing with a major in a STEM field.
2. They must maintain a course load that keeps them on track to graduate with a degree in a STEM field within four years (or within five years if they are enrolled in a five-year STEM Program).
3. Continuing scholars will send their transcripts; a copy of their Student Aid Report (SAR) and Expected Family Contribution (EFC); and material documenting their STEM major and course load (such as a letter from an advisor) to NCEF at the end of the school year. The NCEF Awards Committee will determine their eligibility for another year of funds.
4. The student will provide a copy of their tuition bill for the fall term to verify continued attendance prior to funds being distributed to their college or university.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria for the scholarship are:

1. Applicants must have a cumulative high school GPA of at least 2.5.
2. Selected scholars will have demonstrated interest, passion, and promise in STEM.
3. In addition to students with the greatest financial need, preference will be given to:
 - First generation students: those who do not have a parent who has attained a four year college degree
 - Students who have faced other barriers or challenges
 - Students who have been involved in relevant community service, support for their family, or paid employment related to their interests in STEM.
4. Students must attend a 4-year college or university. Additional points may be awarded to students attending a 4-year Oregon college or university; or a school in the adjoining states of Idaho, Washington or Northern California.

Application Process (for high school seniors)

Applicants must submit:

- 1) A completed Counselor Recommendation Form
- 2) A completed NCEF Bridges to Success Scholarship Application
- 3) A completed Judith Ann (Smith) Hill STEM Scholarship Application
- 4) Two letters of reference, preferably from a science teacher, counselor or, if you have been employed in a job or volunteer service related to STEM, your supervisor.

Visit nc-foundation.org/applications for more information and to download documents and forms.

Review Committee

The review committee will include a Milwaukie High school science teacher; a NCEF board member; the chair or vice-chair of the NCEF Awards Committee; and the donor or a designated representative of the donor.

Subsequent Awards

The amount of subsequent awards may be adjusted by the donor in consultation with MHS and the NCEF Awards Committee

Announcements

The scholarship will be announced and presented at Milwaukie High's scholarship awards ceremony by the donor or a designated representative of the donor. If the donor or the donor's representative is unable to attend, the scholarship will be presented by the NCEF Executive Director or board member. Scholars will also be announced on the Foundation website.

If you have further questions, and for more information, please visit nc-foundation.org/scholarships or contact Stephanie Rose, NCEF Executive Director, at ncfoundation@nclack.k12.or.us