2020/2021 SENEDIA STEM Scholarship Opportunity

The Southeastern New England Defense Industry Alliance (SENEDIA) is pleased to announce that we will be awarding a minimum of two (2) $1500 scholarships for the 2020/2021 academic year to students pursuing a career in STEM-related fields (such as engineering, computer science, cybersecurity, information technology, mathematics, etc.) with the potential to support the future national security and defense sector workforce.

Eligibility:

- The student must be a matriculating student enrolled in a STEM field at an accredited college or university located in the U.S.
- The student must be entering their third year of study (or higher) in the 2020-2021 academic year. The student may be transitioning from institutions with a two-year program into another with a four-year program of study.
- The student must be a U.S. citizen and a resident of Southeastern New England (RI, CT, or MA).

The student must fully complete and submit the required application including all required supporting documentation by the submission deadline, October 30, 2020. The application must be submitted by the student, and the student must be willing and available to connect directly with the Scholarship Committee, if necessary. The student essay and college transcript (official or unofficial) are required; remaining optional award criteria should be carefully considered.

Award Criteria with Evaluation Weighting:

- **Student Essay (Required):** The student must demonstrate through their required essay, their interest in, and passion for a STEM related career. (Evaluation weighting = 35 points)
- **College Transcripts and GPA (Required):** The student’s coursework and overall GPA with a concentrated focus on all STEM college-level courses will be reviewed. Official or unofficial transcripts will be accepted. (Evaluation weighting = 30 points)
- **Extracurricular Activity and Civic/Volunteer Work (Optional):** The student’s involvement in community service, civic and volunteer efforts, and extra-curricular activities will be considered. (Evaluation weighting = 10 points)
- **Recommendation Letters (Optional):** Consideration will be given to any letters of recommendation provided with the completed submission. (Evaluation weighting = 10 points)
- **Honors and Awards (Optional):** The student’s achievement through honors and awards will be considered. (Evaluation weighting = 5 points)
- **Employment in STEM Field (Optional):** Work experience either through full or part time employment, or internships will be considered. (Evaluation weighting = 5 points)
- **SENEDIA Member Affiliation (Optional):** Recognition will be awarded if a student is related to, or working for, a SENEDIA member company. (Evaluation weighting = 5 points)

Applications are available at: [www.senedia.org](http://www.senedia.org)

Send completed submissions to: [llarsen@senedia.org](mailto:llarsen@senedia.org)

Or mail to: SENEDIA Scholarship
Two Corporate Place, Suite 203
Middletown, RI 02842

**Application Deadline: Friday, October 30, 2020**

*(Mailed applications must be received by this date)*
SENEDIA 2020-2021 STEM Scholarship Application

Name:

Last  First  Middle

Address (permanent):

Temporary (school) Address:

Primary Phone:
E-mail:
College / University:
Major / Minor:

Instructions:

(1) Essay (required): In 500 words or less, describe the major reasons why you are pursuing a career in a STEM-related field. Include your specific STEM interests and describe for the review committee the areas in which you are most passionate. Attach your essay to your completed application.

(2) Transcripts and GPA (required): Attach your most current official or unofficial transcript(s) for all college level coursework, along with cumulative GPA.

   Cumulative GPA: ______

(3) Recommendation Letters (Optional): You may submit up to two letters of recommendation. These letters of recommendation should be limited to one page and are to be attached to the completed submission.

(4) Extracurricular Activity and Civic/Volunteer Work (Optional): Attach or list your extra-curricular, civic, service, and volunteer activities.
(5) **Honors / Awards (Optional):** Attach or list honor and/or awards including the organization, the purpose, and date presented.

(6) **Employment in STEM Field (Optional):** Attach or list work experience either through full or part time employment, or internships.

(7) **SENEDIA Member Affiliation (Optional):** If applicable, provide the following information:

   SENEDIA member company:
   Member employee name:
   Relationship of applicant to SENEDIA member company employee:
   Member Employee Signature:
   Date:

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*I certify that the information provided in this application and the documentation attached, is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.*

**APPLICANT’S SIGNATURE:**

Date: