

Mentorship/Stipend Application

RASEM² - Regional Alliance for Science, Engineering, & Mathematics - Squared, for Students with Disabilities
<http://rasem.nmsu.edu>

If you're a student with a disability, you frequently put in that extra something to achieve your goals. Because you read Braille, use a wheelchair, communicate with sign language, or process words and information differently, some people might think that the chances are slim of you ever becoming a scientist, technologist, engineer, or mathematician. But you know better. You succeed in spite of those misconceptions. Wouldn't it be cool if you could pass on whatever you've learned about overcoming barriers to an up-and-coming young person with a disability, and at the same time earn financial assistance for college? You can!

You may apply for financial assistance in the form of a RASEM² Mentorship (up to \$1,200/calendar-year with a 3.0+ GPA) or Stipend (up to \$600/calendar-year with a 2.0+ GPA), each awarded on a competitive basis, if

- your GPA is 2.0 or better;
- you are enrolled in a science, technology, engineering, or mathematics degree tract;
- you are a student with a verifiable disability;
- you've been accepted or are currently enrolled as a student at a RASEM² partner college or university.
- you are a U.S. citizen

As a RASEM² Mentor you will be held to high academic achievement and act as a role model to secondary school students with disabilities as well as other students through hands-on science activities. You will also participate in ENTRY POINT! a program of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) offering outstanding internship opportunities for students with disabilities in science, engineering, mathematics, and computer science. You'll also interact with other Mentors, Stipend recipients, and members of the Challengers Club.

As a RASEM² Stipend recipient, you will also be held to high academic standards and encouraged to actively participate in the Challengers Club, a science focused student organization open to all, including nonscience majors. Challengers support each other, advocate for accommodations, increase awareness and sensitivity about disability issues, but most of all, they like to work while they play. If you're interested in pushing the envelope for students with disabilities choosing science, technology, engineering, or mathematics courses and careers, and you meet the eligibility criteria, don't hesitate to apply. Use the checklist below to make sure you send all the information and forms requested. And don't forget to check out our website at <<http://rasem.nmsu.edu>>

Mentorship Application

The Mentorship application doubles as a stipend application. Remember to mention in the "tell us about yourself" space, that you are applying for a Stipend.

One-page Cover Letter

In two or three paragraphs, tell us about yourself, why you are applying for the mentorship or Stipend, your plans for a major, and your plans after graduation.

Verification of Disability

Document(s) indicating that you have qualified to receive services through your campus Services for Students with Disabilities office are applicable.

Proof of Enrollment

This can be a copy of your class schedule or enrollment document.

Transcript

This should be the most recent copy of your college transcripts. If you are an incoming freshman, then this should be a copy of your high school transcript.

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Name (Please Print) _____

Social Security Number _____

Local Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone () _____

Voice TDD

Email Address _____

High School _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Cumulative

Math

Science

HS GPA

Disabled Veteran

Individual with a Disability

Primary Disability _____

Parent's/Spouse's Name (Please Print) _____

Permanent Mailing Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone () _____

Voice TDD

Major / Anticipated Date of Graduation / Yes No / Transfer Student / Name of University/College

Freshman

Sophomore

Junior

Senior

Graduate

Class Standing

Help us monitor and improve the effectiveness of our program by voluntarily completing the next section. The information, used for academic or grant reporting purposes, will remain confidential and will not be released to those in the decision making process, including the Advisory Board and/or the Project Director, without your permission. Your program eligibility will not be affected if you choose not to provide the information or to provide it later. Thank you.

Gender (Optional)

Male Female

Which tells best your ethnic/racial status? (optional)

American Indian or Alaska Native

Asian

Black or African American

Hispanic or Latino

Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander

White

Us Citizen

Yes No

Date of Birth

Month Day Year

For details, contact the Mentor Coordinator at
1 - 888 - 646 - 6051 (Toll free)

1 - 505 - 646 { 6051 (Voice)
8020 (TDD)
3367 (Fax)

Please send your application and requested documents to
RASEM Squared, MSC 3CE
New Mexico State University
CAGE/Hernandez Hall, Rm 202
PO Box 30001
Las Cruces NM 88003-8001

I acknowledge that I have read and understand my responsibilities as a RASEM² Mentor or Stipend recipient as outlined on this form.

Signature _____

Date _____