

NASA's MN Space Grant Consortium (MnSGC) Undergraduate Scholarship Application Instructions for U of MN Twin Cities (UMTC) Students

To: Undergraduate Students of Engineering, Mathematics, and/or Science at the UMTC

From: NASA's Minnesota Space Grant Consortium (MnSGC) program office

Re: MnSGC Undergraduate Scholarships for UMTC students

Note: Students attending other MnSGC affiliate institutions should visit the "About" page on the MnSGC website (link below) and click on their school's name at the bottom of the page to inquire about MnSGC opportunities – scholarships or other – with the faculty contact(s) listed there. <https://www.mnspacegrant.org/about/>

Below are instructions to apply for MnSGC Undergraduate Scholarships at the UMTC. (Please note that MnSGC scholarship awards can only be given to U.S. citizens.)

To apply, fill out two on-line forms linked at <https://mn-sgc.submittable.com/submit>. The first form is the MnSGC "Student Information Form." The second form is the MnSGC "Student Application General Form." In the latter (generic) form:

- Answer "MnSGC Spring 2026 scholarship application at the U of MN Twin Cities" when asked "What are you applying for?"
- Upload a personal statement (one page max, typed, double-spaced) describing your educational and career goals and how they relate, directly or indirectly, to NASA's Vision for Space Exploration and/or to NASA's overarching interest in enlarging the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) US citizen workforce. (To read more about NASA's past, present, and future plans, follow the "About NASA" link at <http://www.nasa.gov>.)
- Upload an unofficial copy of your U of MN transcript in .pdf form.
- A letter of recommendation from a U of MN professor or a U of MN academic advisor is required. Provide their name, department/title, and e-mail address (and tell them in advance to expect to be contacted requesting a letter in support of your MnSGC scholarship application). Letters of recommendation are due by January 31, 2026.

Scholarship recipients will be chosen from among those applicants who have been very successful in their past educational endeavors (typically the GPA cutoff is 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, but we will consider applicants with somewhat lower GPAs who are particularly strong in other areas) and whose area of study and career goals align with NASA's goals in space science/engineering. Applicants must be full-time students at the U of MN Twin Cities and must be U.S. citizens. *Other MnSGC schools have separate opportunities, and different deadlines, for their students.*

Please note that emphasis is placed on applicants who share areas of interest with NASA. Therefore, applications from potential practitioners in the health, medical, and veterinary fields are not sought unless their career goals can clearly be identified as supporting NASA's mission goals.

Learn more about the MN Space Grant at <https://www.mnspacegrant.org>. If you have any questions about this scholarship opportunity, please contact Prof. James Flaten, Associate Director of the Minnesota Space Grant, by sending e-mail to mnsgc@umn.edu.

The application deadline for this scholarship opportunity for UMTC students is **Tuesday, January 27, 2026** (with recommendation letters due by January 31, 2026). Scholarship decisions will be made in early February and awards will be disbursed to U of MN student accounts and may be used to help pay educational expenses during the spring semester.