

STEM Scholarship

Edith Nourse Rogers Science Technology Engineering Math (STEM) Scholarship

Effective August 1, 2019, VA launched the Edith Nourse Rogers STEM Scholarship. It is a provision of the Harry W. Colmery Veterans Educational Assistance Act (Forever GI Bill) that gives extra benefits to students training in the high-demand fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). Obtaining a degree in these areas may require more training than other fields. This provision aims to help cover that difference and give additional incentive for students who choose the careers our society needs most.

The STEM Scholarship will provide up to nine months of additional Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits (to a maximum of \$30,000) to qualifying Veterans and Fry Scholars seeking an undergraduate STEM degree or who have earned a STEM degree and are seeking a teaching certification.

Effective January 5, 2021 section 1001 of Public Law 116-315 expanded eligibility under the Edith Nourse STEM Scholarship program to allow scholarships for those enrolled in dual-secondary degrees and health care professionals completing clinical training to become licensed to practice in a state or locality.

Who is eligible for the Rogers STEM Scholarship?

- Student must be enrolled in an undergraduate STEM degree or an undergraduate dual degree that includes at least one STEM program requiring at least 120 semester (or 180 quarter) credit hours for completion *or*
- Hold a Bachelor's degree in a STEM field and accepted or enrolled in a Teaching Certification program. *or*
- Hold a Bachelor's or graduate degree in a STEM field and enrolled in a covered clinical training program; and
- Must have completed at least 60 semester hours or 90 quarter credit hours toward the STEM degree and;
- Must have or will exhaust their Post-9/11 GI Bill entitlement within six months based on their current enrollment(s)

More factors to know

- Priority will be given to individuals who are entitled to 100% of Post-9/11 GI Bill benefits and to those who require the most credit hours.
- Chapter 33 private school academic year maximum rates apply to the STEM scholarship program.
- The Yellow Ribbon Program is not available with STEM. Schools may apply Yellow Ribbon funding, but VA can't match it.
- These additional benefits can't be transferred to dependents.
- Fry Scholars are eligible to apply for the Rogers STEM Scholarship.

What fields of study qualify for the Rogers STEM Scholarship?

Students must be enrolled in or have earned a degree in one of the following areas listed on this site:

https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/docs/fqib/STEM_Program_List.pdf