



2024 Make It Matter Scholarship Information

In partnership with Science-U, Penn State's Center for Nanoscale Science has created scholarship opportunities for motivated high school students from diverse backgrounds to attend:

Make It Matter (July 8-12, 2024)

Camp Description

Have you ever wondered how materials and the science surrounding them can help change the world? Creating a sustainable world for ourselves and for future generations really matters! Scientists and engineers have a huge role to play in building a sustainable future, and in this camp, you'll see how researchers in fields ranging from materials science to chemistry and biology make a difference by designing new materials, inventing new ways to create and store energy, studying how to protect our ecosystems, and much more! Through lab visits, field trips, demonstrations, leadership activities, and hands-on science challenges, you will be inspired to think about how you can harness the world-changing possibilities of science and engineering in entirely new ways! Join us for an unforgettable experience focused on making sustainability matter! *(Note: The first full day of camp is Monday, July 8, but residential campers will move in the evening of Sunday, July 7.)*

Scholarship Selection Criteria

- Sincere interest in learning about Science, Technology, Engineering, and/or Math (STEM)
- Passion for sustainability
- Commitment to diversity and inclusion
- Demonstration of a positive attitude and strength of character
- Motivation to learn and academic effort
- Entering grades 9-12 in Fall 2024

This scholarship program seeks to attract individuals who value diversity and inclusion. Applicants from populations that are underrepresented and/or underserved in STEM are encouraged to apply.

Submission Requirements

- This scholarship requires the submission of an Application Form, a 1-2-page essay answering three questions, and a STEM Teacher/Mentor Recommendation.
- The Application Form and STEM Teacher/Mentor Recommendation Form are below and available at: <https://science.psu.edu/outreach/scienceu/scholarships/mim>
- All forms and essays are **due by January 17, 2024**. Scholarship applications will be reviewed by the Make It Matter Scholarship Committee and applicants will be notified of award decisions by January 31, 2024.

Contact Information

For questions or more information, please contact the Penn State Office of Science Outreach by email at sciencecamps@science.psu.edu or by phone at (814) 865-0501.