

BluePay STEM Scholarship Official Program Rules

Awards & Eligibility:

BluePay Processing is pleased to announce our BluePay STEM Scholarship program. BluePay will award a single \$1,000 scholarship and two \$250 book scholarships to a student enrolled in STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) courses of study at an accredited college or university in the United States. Students must be high school graduates and may be asked to provide transcripts or proof of high school diploma. Students must be permanent residents of the United States and may be asked to provide proof of residence. Employees of First Data Corporation and their children are not eligible to win.

Application:

Our application form is available online and includes a field for a 500-1000 word essay. It must be submitted by **August 17, 2018** to be considered. The winner will be selected based on the quality of this essay by a committee of reviewers, employed by BluePay Processing. A random winner will be selected in the event of a tie after essay consideration. Winners will be notified on August 24, 2018. Our committee reserves the right to verify the accuracy of any information received or obtained related to a particular applicant. The committee's decision is final.

Essay and Evaluation:

Applicants will submit an essay that attempts to answer one of three questions provided by BluePay Processing. Contributions will be scored with equal weight on the following criteria by the committee:

- A. Creativity and depth of answer for the question selected
- B. Evidence of research preparation for the essay
- C. Writing skill and technical accuracy

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Tax Obligation:

Winners are required to complete any necessary IRS forms in advance of being awarded the scholarship. Winners are advised to seek advice on any personal tax implication the award may have.

Funds Payment:

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the awardee's educational institution and must be applied toward the cost of tuition, books, research or other expenses directly related to their education. Any questions on the use of funds will be resolved by the student's academic advisor. Each awardee must be prepared to verify use of funds if requested by BluePay Processing.

Personal Information:

BluePay Processing reserves the right to publish information regarding this contest. Winning and runner-up essays may be featured in part or in entirety on the BluePay blog, with approval from the scholarship winner. Non response to request for approval after 14 days will be considered approval to publish. The winner's name, university and major will be featured as a part of the winning announcement on a variety of BluePay Processing media channels.