Application and Selection
This scholarship program is sponsored by the National Science Foundation to support education in the sciences and mathematics at Appalachian State. This program is open to freshman, sophomores, and incoming transfer students.

You are to complete a separate application form where you will tell us your intended major and the area in which you are interested in joining a research cluster. Acceptance into a research cluster will be based on several factors:

- the availability of resources (there are a limited number of positions)
- your background and interests
- availability of a faculty mentor to work in your research area
- your availability given your academic schedule to meet with your research team for three hours per week at a fixed time
- you must be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident to participate in this scholarship program

Program Requirements and Expectations
The following is the list of some of the general requirements that will apply to all research clusters; your faculty mentor may have additional requirements.

- Faculty mentor's acceptance of a scholar after reviewing your application form.
- You will meet 3 hours per week with the research team.
- You will provide 2 hours per week in community building activities which may include, attending study halls, tutoring/mentoring corners, weekly seminars, working with research mentors, or other related activities as approved by the faculty mentor.
- As a team you will present your research project at the end of each semester to a general audience or at the Student Research Day.
- Satisfactory mid-semester evaluation by the faculty mentor will trigger issuing a stipend for that semester. The stipend is currently set at $350 per semester.
- Satisfactory end-of-semester evaluation by the faculty mentor may lead to renewal of the membership in the Academy for the following semester if you are still a freshman or a sophomore.

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