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# Virginia Council on Women STEAM-H Essay Contest

## About the Contest

The Virginia Council on Women (Council) will provide one merit-based and one need-based scholarship to female high school seniors in each of the five geographic regions across the Commonwealth through a Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Mathematics, and Healthcare (STEAM-H) essay contest. This year, merit-based scholarships will be awarded based on the quality of the essay submitted, and the need-based scholarships will be awarded based on the quality of the essay and the individual's self-identified financial need. Award amounts may vary and are determined by the Council annually.

### Merit Based

- Be a Virginia resident
- Be enrolled in a Virginia-based high school or high school equivalent (to include homeschool)
- Be a female high school senior
- Be planning to attend an institution of higher education to include but not limited to a community college, four-year college or university, trade or technical school, or certificate program
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA (4.0 Scale)

### Need-Based

- Be a Virginia resident
- Be enrolled in a Virginia-based high school or high school equivalent (to include homeschool)
- Be a female high school senior
- Be planning to attend an institution of higher education to include but not limited to a community college, four-year college or university, trade or technical school, or certificate program
- Have a minimum 3.0 GPA (4.0 Scale)

## Contest Timeline

**Contest Launches**  
January 27, 2023

**Contest Ends**  
March 15, 2023

**Scholarship Recipients Notified**  
April 28, 2023

**Scholarship Recipients Reception**  
Spring 2023

**Scholarships Dispersed**  
July 2023



**Region 1:** Eastern Virginia/Hampton Roads

**Region 2:** Southwest/Southside

**Region 3:** Richmond/Central Virginia

**Region 4:** Valley/Western Virginia

**Region 5:** Northern Virginia



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