



13th
ANNUAL



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 2.5 GPA (4.0 Scale)

Contest Timeline

Contest Launches
February 9, 2024

Contest Ends
April 7, 2024

Scholarship
Recipients Notified
Late April, 2024

Scholarship
Recipients Reception
Spring 2024

Scholarships Dispersed
2024



Region 1: Eastern Virginia/Hampton Roads

Region 2: Southwest/Southside

Region 3: Richmond/Central Virginia

Region 4: Valley/Western Virginia

Region 5: Northern Virginia



For more information, visit: women.virginia.gov
or email: women@governor.virginia.gov