

National Lieutenant Governors Association

Nation's Lieutenant Governors Open Application Period for Annual STEM Education Scholarship Program

All pre-K – 12th grade public, private, and tribal schools are encouraged to apply for up to \$1,000 to support STEM-related activities for students by the May 1, 2023 deadline

COVINGTON, KY (March 24, 2023) – The National Lieutenant Governors Association (NLGA) has opened the application period for the second annual Lt. Governors' STEM Scholarship Program, sponsored by ACT, to award up to \$1,000 to pre-K – 12th grade schools nationally to support STEM-related activities for youth. Applications will be accepted until May 1, 2023, with award recipients announced and funded in Summer 2023.

"As the seconds-in-command in state and territorial government, lieutenant governors are uniquely poised to lead on STEM Education," said NLGA Chair Illinois Lt. Governor Juliana Stratton. "By supporting STEM-related activities in schools across the country, we can encourage a long-term interest and passion in STEM Education in America's youth, while building the workforce of the future."

NLGA will award twelve scholarships to twelve schools in twelve different states and territories, worth \$10,000 total. The Scholarship Program is administered by NLGA, the nonpartisan, nonprofit association for the nation's seconds-in-command, and sponsored by ACT, the education and career readiness nonprofit.

"ACT is proud to once again sponsor this program and help ensure that every student can access a high-quality STEM education," ACT Chief Executive Officer Janet Godwin said. "Our country and our communities need young people who are globally competitive in STEM careers, yet many students face systemic barriers to accessing rigorous education opportunities. It is essential that all students have the support and resources to fulfill their potential."

All public, private, and tribal schools in the 50 states and five U.S. territories are invited to apply at <u>nlga.awardsplatform.com</u>. Funding will be awarded to schools to support STEM-related activities, programming, curriculum, equipment, and other expenses.

"The need for increased educational opportunities in STEM is non-partisan and an area of consensus for the nation's lieutenant governors," said NLGA Executive Director Julia Brossart. "NLGA has adopted STEM Education as a pillar of work for the association on behalf of Members, who know the importance of educating students in STEM to prepare for the jobs of tomorrow."

Applications will be reviewed in Spring/Summer 2023 with award winners announced at the NLGA Annual Meeting in August 2023. Additional information on the STEM Scholarship Program, including instructions for applying, can be found at <u>https://nlga.us/strategies/nlga-state-strategies-in-stem/</u>.

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