Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) provides renewable Undergraduate STEM Bridge Scholarships of $1,000 to sophomore students from any federally recognized minority group enrolled in a full-time program of study in science, technology, engineering, or math (STEM) at one of the five Virginia Space Grant university members.

As a STEM Bridge Scholar, students are welcomed into the VSGC scholarship pipeline that may ultimately lead to a NASA career. The Undergraduate STEM Bridge Program bridges students to future opportunities by mentoring and guiding them to future VSGC scholarships, NASA related paid internships and encourages students to explore how their major can apply to NASA’s mission. Students are required to attend two informational sessions and to make connections to current VSGC scholars and fellows, university faculty and potential/future research related to NASA’s mission.

This is a competitive program and awards are based on student academic merit, quality of interest essay as well as letters of recommendation from current college faculty who can attest to student’s interest in STEM areas. Female students who are members of a federally recognized minority group are strongly encouraged to apply.

**Sponsor:**

The Virginia Space Grant Consortium (VSGC) is a coalition of five Virginia Space Grant universities (College of William and Mary, Hampton University, Old Dominion University, University of Virginia, and Virginia Tech), the Virginia Community College System, NASA, state educational agencies, and other organizations representing diverse aerospace education and research interests.

**Eligibility:**

- Must be a U.S. citizen and a member of a federally recognized minority group (African American, Native American, Hispanic/Latino, or Pacific Islander)
- Must be enrolled as a full-time student (minimum 12 credit hours) at one of the five Virginia Space Grant Consortium member institutions
- Must have completed at least one year of a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) undergraduate program and be a sophomore during the subsequent academic year
- Must be in a program of study demonstrating an interest in aerospace or supporting NASA’s

**How to Apply:**

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