



## LANG-WISE STEM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

### Application Guidelines

*The Lang-Wise STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Scholarship Fund was established in the fall of 2022 at St. Croix Foundation by St. Croix resident and engineer Raydiance Wise in an effort to 'pay forward' the support she received from multiple organizations when she was pursuing a STEM degree. Recognizing that scholarships help to cover significant costs associated with higher education, this award is designed to encourage students to pursue STEM-related fields of study by offsetting expenses related to travel, clothing, textbooks, and other expenses that become burdensome. To date, the Lang-Wise STEM Scholarship Fund has awarded \$18,900 in grants and scholarships.*

**Award Cycle:** The 2024 Lang-Wise STEM Scholarship Fund will award a minimum of three (3) awards between \$500 and \$5,000 each. Applications may be submitted beginning May 15th and must be submitted by June 14th. Applicants will receive notice within 30 days as to the status of their application. All applications are reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee.

**Qualifications:** To qualify for an award through the Lang-Wise STEM Scholarship Fund, applicants must:

- ✓ Reside on St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands
- ✓ Be a graduating senior from a St. Croix public, private, or parochial high school who is pursuing a degree in a STEM-related field at an accredited 4-year institution of higher learning
- ✓ Provide proof of acceptance to a 4-year accredited college/university
- ✓ Demonstrate specific, long-term goals and financial need
- ✓ Indicate and maintain a GPA of 2.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale

**Review Process:** Applicants that satisfy the above requirements are considered carefully by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee, with priority given to applications that demonstrate:

- ✓ Meaningful community service/volunteering or work experience
- ✓ Participation in extra-curricular activities (e.g., clubs, after school programs, etc.) or description of socioeconomic circumstances that prevented the ability to join

**Attachments:** This completed application **MUST INCLUDE** (copies acceptable):

- ✓ Birth or baptismal certificate
- ✓ High school transcript/report card indicating cumulative GPA
- ✓ Acceptance letter to college/university
- ✓ Two (2) letters of reference (one must be an academic reference; character reference also accepted)
- ✓ One (1) video submission describing your educational and career goals and how you plan to achieve them. Videos should be no more than 4 minutes in length.
- ✓ One (1) 500-word essay describing your overall circumstances, what impact this scholarship will have on your ambitions, and how your education will impact St. Croix and the global community.

**IMPORTANT:** Complete and submit your application and all documentation by **JUNE 15th** in the Foundation's online portal at: <https://www.grantinterface.com/Home/Logon?urlkey=scf>.

*If there are challenges with online submissions due to internet access or connection issues, please email Anthony Johnson at [ajohnson@stxfoundation.org](mailto:ajohnson@stxfoundation.org) for assistance and/or to make alternative arrangements to submit your application.*