



LANG-WISE STEM SCHOLARSHIP FUND

2025 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 Native and engineer, Raydiance Wise, to 'pay forward' the support she received from multiple organizations when she was pursuing a STEM degree. Recognizing that scholarships help 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. In its first two years, the Lang-Wise STEM Scholarship Fund has awarded nearly \$31,900 in grants and scholarships.

Award Cycle: The 2025 Lang-Wise STEM Scholarship Cycle will award a minimum of three (3) awards between \$500 and \$5,000 each. The Fund will begin accepting applications beginning April 15, 2025. All applications must be submitted by June 2, 2025. Award decisions will be announced within 30 days of the application due date. All applications will be reviewed by the Foundation's Grants Review Committee.

Qualifications: To qualify for a Lang-Wise STEM Scholarship, 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
- ✓ 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: All applicants who satisfy the above requirements are considered and reviewed carefully by the Foundation's Grants & Scholarships 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; a character reference is 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 the 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 2nd** in the Foundation's online portal at: <https://stxfoundation.info/GrantsPortal>.

If there are challenges with online submissions due to internet access or connection issues, please email Lilli Cox at lcx@stxfoundation.org for assistance.