

Science and Mathematics Scholars (SaMs) Program

The Nazareth College Science and Mathematics program is supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF). This program makes grants to institutions of higher education to support scholarships for students majoring mathematics or science.

Need based scholarships will be awarded to academically promising students pursuing a degree in biochemistry, biology, chemistry, environmental science, or mathematics.

Program Features

Each fall, Nazareth will award scholarships of up to \$10,000 per year for incoming first year students, transfer students, and current Nazareth students at the junior-level status. Scholarships are renewable each year as long as the recipient continues to meet the eligibility criteria. Scholars will participate in an academic learning community and be provided peer mentors. Additional benefits for the Scholars include: special seminars, field trips, and the opportunity to conduct undergraduate research. The SaMs Program will continue through the spring 2013, and then will be subject to renewal by the National Science Foundation.

Eligibility Criteria:

For an *incoming first year* student to be considered for the SaMs program, the applicant must:

- Be enrolled as a full-time student at Nazareth College
- Have declared a major in biochemistry, biology, chemistry, environmental science, or mathematics
- Demonstrate financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)
- Have a minimum high school average of 80 or higher
- Be a US citizen, national, or permanent resident alien

For a *transfer or current Nazareth* student to be considered for the SaMs program, the applicant must:

- Be enrolled, or accepted to enroll, at the junior-level status in a BA or BS program at Nazareth College, majoring in mathematics or science
- Have declared a major in biochemistry, biology, chemistry, environmental science, or mathematics
- Demonstrate financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA)
- Have a minimum Nazareth College or previous college GPA of 3.0
- Have a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher in all required mathematics and science courses
- Be a US citizen, national, or permanent resident alien

Application Process:

- To be considered, a student must submit the following application materials:
- A completed Nazareth College SaMs application form
- A completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FASFA) form
- An official high school transcript (*incoming first year only*)

- An official Nazareth College transcript (*current Nazareth College students only*) or official college transcript from previous college (*transfer students only*)
- A letter of recommendation sent to Program Director from someone who can assess your intellectual ability, past performance, motivation, maturity, and potential for success.
- An essay (500 to 1000 words) discussing your personal, academic, and professional goals and your interest in studying at Nazareth College

Deadline for Application:

Incoming First Year Students - Review of applications will begin on March 1 and will continue until all scholarships have been awarded.

Transfer and Current Nazareth Students - Review of applications will begin on April 15 and continue until all scholarships have been awarded.

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