



*Advancing Chicanos/Hispanics
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TRAVEL SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS

Application Requirements

You will need to provide the following documents in your application for a SACNAS travel scholarship:

Statement of Purpose

Provide a brief (500-word limit) statement of purpose addressing the topics listed below.

- ✓ Describe your research interests and the importance of research to you.
- ✓ Describe your academic and career goals, and how attending NDiSTEM can help you achieve them.
- ✓ Describe why you would benefit from receiving a travel scholarship to attend SACNAS NDiSTEM.



Tip: Address all topics with personal examples.

Letter of Recommendation

Provide your recommender's contact information in your application. Your recommender will be sent an email with instructions and a link to upload the letter. You will need only one letter of recommendation.

The letter should address the following topics and must have your recommender's signature:

- ✓ Describe your relationship to the applicant. How long have you known the applicant and what is the extent of your interactions?
- ✓ Comment on the applicant's academic and scientific merit, including their aptitude for pursuing an advanced degree in STEM or a related field.
- ✓ Describe reasons why the applicant deserves a Travel Scholarship to attend NDiSTEM.



Tip: Ask your recommender for a strong letter of recommendation! Need more support on making the ask? Check out our resource [here!](#)

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Unofficial Transcript

Upload an unofficial transcript to your Travel Scholarship application as a PDF file. If you are transferring in the Fall, please provide your current, unofficial transcript **and** an acceptance letter from your new institution as one PDF file.

Your transcript must include:

- ✓ Your full name.
- ✓ Your institution name.
- ✓ Relevant coursework and major.



Tip: Verify that your file is easy to read and opens properly.

Please note: No emailed or late submissions will be accepted. We strongly recommend you give yourself ample time to complete your application and to avoid any issues. You are responsible for ensuring your application is complete and accurate, including following up with your recommender on their letter before the deadline.

What is included in a SACNAS Travel Scholarship

A SACNAS scholarship includes:

- ✓ Roundtrip airfare
- ✓ Shared lodging (you will be paired with a roommate)
- ✓ Registration for the SACNAS NDiSTEM Conference

IMPORTANT: The SACNAS Travel Scholarship does not cover ground transportation. Questions? Please contact travelscholarships@sacnas.org.

Selection Process

Each application is assigned to SACNAS volunteer reviewers. SACNAS will analyze reviewer scores and comments, eligibility criteria and the priority criteria below to allocate awards.

- ✓ 1st: Students who are attending and presenting for the first time at a SACNAS NDiSTEM conference.
- ✓ 2nd: Students who are attending a SACNAS NDiSTEM conference for the first time but are not presenting.
- ✓ 3rd: Students who are returning to a SACNAS NDiSTEM conference and are presenting for the first time at a SACNAS NDiSTEM conference.
- ✓ 4th: All other eligible students.