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# Tulare County Student **STEM** Entrepreneur Award

Honoring student achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics and the application of these studies to business in Tulare County.

**Due Friday, February 24, 2012 by 4:00 p.m.**

Tulare County  
Office of Education

*Jim Vidak, County Superintendent of Schools*



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## Tulare County Student STEM Entrepreneur Award

**Purpose and Philosophy** The Tulare County Student STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Entrepreneur Award program was established to raise awareness among Tulare County's youth of the critical role that the application of science, technology, engineering and mathematics plays in building entrepreneurship in America. The scholarship recognizes and honors students by providing financial assistance as they pursue their higher education.

**The Award** TUCOEMAS Federal Credit Union will grant one STEM Award in the amount of \$1,000. The 2012 STEM Award will be presented at the 2012 Gas Company Challenge on March 7 at the Visalia Convention Center. This award is non-renewable and not based on financial need.

**Eligibility** Those eligible to apply for a STEM Award are Tulare County high school juniors and seniors interested in STEM activities. The applicant should demonstrate entrepreneurial spirit and initiative, such as starting his or her own business, participation in organizations such as DECA, Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), Junior Achievement and The National Foundation for Teaching Entrepreneurship, among others, or through other initiatives.

**Selection Procedure** An impartial Selection Committee, assembled by the Tulare County Office of Education and comprised of educators and small-business leaders, will be responsible for selecting the recipient of the scholarship. In evaluating the credentials of the applicant, the Selection Committee will consider each applicant's academic record, extracurricular activities, leadership activities and character. Evidence of entrepreneurial spirit and initiative will be heavily weighted. As a general rule, applicants should be ranked in the top quarter of their high school class to receive serious consideration. The scholarship recipient will be notified of the results of the competition at least one week prior to the presentation date — March 7, 2012.

**Application Process** To submit an application, the following items must be included:

- The completed application/activity sheet and the essay
- Your high school record (use provided form to give to your guidance counselor)
- All items must be packaged TOGETHER and mailed/delivered to:

Tulare County Student STEM Entrepreneur Award  
c/o Randy Wallace  
Tulare County Office of Education  
2637 West Burrel Avenue  
Visalia, CA 93291  
(559) 733-6101  
[www.tcoe.org/STEMscholarship](http://www.tcoe.org/STEMscholarship)

All documents must be received by Friday, February 24, 2012, no later than 4:00 p.m. Incomplete or late applications will not be processed.

# 2012 Application

(Please Print Clearly)

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_ Male/Female (Circle One)

Home Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

High School \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

My First Choice for College Is: \_\_\_\_\_

Please select the statements which represent your STEM entrepreneurial endeavors.

- I have started a business on my own.                       I have started a business with someone.
- I have worked with my family's business.                       I have worked with a small business outside of my family.
- I have been a member of clubs that encourage entrepreneurial spirit utilizing STEM.
- I have not been a part of a small business or clubs, but do have plans for owning a business in the future.

Academic Information: (Applicants, please fill out information in the boxes below.)

## High School Activities

## H.S. Year

Activity/Achievements	Position/Office	Hours/Week	H.S. Year				Awards/Honors
			1	2	3	4	

## Work Experience/Community and Volunteer Services

## H.S. Year

Activity/Achievements	Position/Office	Hours/Week	H.S. Year				Awards/Honors
			1	2	3	4	

## Essay

On a separate page, please provide a typed essay of approximately 500 words. Explain a new or variation of an existing idea integrating science, technology, engineering and/or mathematics in the Tulare County economy either through working with an existing business, plans for owning a business in the future, or an idea for a business.

I certify that all of the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*Reminder – Attach your essay to this application.\*

# High School Record Request Form

Instruction to the Applicant:

1. Complete the "TO" and "FROM" section of this form.
2. Sign the form and give it to the guidance office of the high school you presently attend.

TO: Guidance Office

\_\_\_\_\_ High School, \_\_\_\_\_ (City)

FROM:

Applicant Name \_\_\_\_\_

Year of High School Graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

To comply with the provisions of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, permission is hereby given to school officials to release the secondary school record and other requested information.

Applicant Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Guidance Counselor: The student named above is applying for a scholarship. Please follow the instructions below.

Include a copy of the applicant's high school record. Be sure that the applicant's test scores appear on the record, and include seven semesters of grades.

Fill in the blanks below with the requested information.

Sign the certification below.

Applicant's GPA \_\_\_\_\_

List of all upper-level Science, Math and Technology classes taken, including grade earned

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I certify that the above information is correct:

Counselor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Office Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_