Attention College-Bound High School Seniors: $1000 Scholarship Opportunity

Verner E. Suomi Scholarship Award for Outstanding Achievement in the Physical Sciences

In honor of Professor Verner E. Suomi’s lifelong commitment to the education of undergraduate students, the Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies (CIMSS) and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) are pleased to announce the 19th year of the “Verner E. Suomi Scholarship Award.”

Professor Suomi held tenure from 1948 until July of 1995, when the University of Wisconsin lost one of its most esteemed and internationally recognized faculty members. He is considered to be one of the most influential meteorologists of the 20th century and his many contributions to the field led to his international reputation as the “father of weather satellites.” Professor Suomi was the founding director of the University of Wisconsin-Madison Space Science and Engineering Center and a faculty member of the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, which he co-founded. In addition to his significant achievements as a scientist, he was well known for his love of undergraduate teaching and genuine concern for young people.

Several outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated excellent achievements in the physical sciences will be presented with a $1000 scholarship and a certificate of recognition at their high school graduation ceremony. This scholarship is a one year, one time opportunity to be used during the freshman year at any University of Wisconsin campus.

Eligibility:

Any graduating high school senior who plans to attend a University of Wisconsin System undergraduate program in the physical sciences: especially meteorology, earth science, oceanography, physics, astronomy, environmental science, and science or math education.

Application Requirements:

1. High school transcripts through the Fall 2016 semester.
2. A completed application form (on the back of this announcement).
3. A one-page essay discussing your specific interests in the physical sciences. This should include a paragraph describing your career goals. You may discuss any other science-related organizations, projects, awards, or other information which you feel would be relevant.
4. A letter of recommendation from a science/math teacher and/or principal/guidance counselor.

All application materials must be postmarked no later than 14 April 2017. Mail all materials to:

Maria Vasys
Space Science and Engineering Center
1225 West Dayton Street
Madison, WI 53706

For additional questions, please contact Maria Vasys at (608)263-7435 or email: mariav@ssec.wisc.edu
APPLICATION FORM
Verner E. Suomi Scholarship Award

NAME_______________________________________BIRTHDATE___/___/____SEX:M___F____

HOME ADDRESS:
______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________
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HOME TELEPHONE (area code):_____________________Soc. Sec. # (Optional):_________________

EMAIL:__________________________________________

ETHNIC BACKGROUND (Optional):
European___  African-American___  Hispanic___  Native American___  Other (indicate)___________

REFERRING TEACHER/PRINCIPAL/COUNSELOR:
NAME:____________________________________TITLE:____________________________________
HIGH SCHOOL NAME:_____________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________
PHONE NUMBER:___________________________________________
EMAIL:____________________________________

QUESTIONS REGARDING ELIGIBILITY:

1.    When do you expect to graduate from High School? _________________

2.    Have you applied for admission to a University of Wisconsin System school? Yes No

3.    Name of campus(es) to which you have applied:
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______________________________________________________________________
______________________________________________________________________

4.    Intended Major:_____________________________

5.    ACT/SAT Test Scores are available at the following UW Admissions Office:
______________________________________________________________________
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SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN:_____________________________ Date _________

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT:_____________________________ Date _________