

Attention College-Bound High School Seniors: \$3000 Scholarship Opportunity

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

The University of Wisconsin-Madison's Cooperative Institute for Meteorological Satellite Studies invites applications for the 2026 Verner E. Suomi Scholarship.

The scholarship honors Professor Suomi's lifelong commitment to undergraduate education, for teaching and mentoring undergraduate students throughout his tenure at the UW-Madison. He was the founding director of the UW-Madison Space Science and Engineering Center and CIMSS, and a faculty member in the Department of Atmospheric and Oceanic Sciences, which he co-founded. Suomi is widely known as the “father of satellite meteorology” for his transformational contributions to the field and is considered to be one of the most influential meteorologists of the 20th century.

Outstanding high school seniors who have demonstrated excellent achievements in the physical sciences will be selected to receive the \$3000 scholarship and presented with a certificate of recognition.

Eligibility:

- Any graduating high school senior who plans to attend a University of Wisconsin System undergraduate program in atmospheric science, climate science, meteorology, remote sensing, environmental science, applied physics, data science, or a related field.
- It will be applied to the freshman year of academic study.

Application Requirements:

1. High school transcripts through the end of the 2025 Fall semester.
2. A completed application form (fillable PDF with accompanying documentation).
3. A one-page essay discussing your specific interests in the physical sciences. Please describe your career goals as well as your involvement in science-related organizations or projects, awards you have received, or relevant service.
4. One letter of recommendation from a science/math teacher or principal/guidance counselor.

All application materials must be submitted as one PDF no later than April 17, 2026 to:
maria.vasys@ssec.wisc.edu .

For additional questions, please contact Maria Vasys at (608) 263-7435 to leave a message or email maria.vasys@ssec.wisc.edu

APPLICATION FORM
Verner E. Suomi Scholarship Award

NAME _____ BIRTHDATE ____/____/____ SEX: M ____ F ____ O ____

HOME ADDRESS:

CONTACT TELEPHONE (area code): _____

EMAIL: _____

ETHNIC BACKGROUND (Optional):

European ____ African-American ____ Hispanic ____ Native American ____ Other (indicate) _____

REFERRING TEACHER/PRINCIPAL/COUNSELOR:

NAME: _____ TITLE: _____

HIGH SCHOOL NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

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:

4. Intended Major: _____ (Please see Eligibility on p.1)

5. ACT/SAT Test Scores are available at the following UW Admissions Office:

SIGNATURE OF PARENT/GUARDIAN: _____ Date _____

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT: _____ Date _____