



The Lorraine Doderer STEM Goes Red Student Scholarship Award

Thank you for your interest in applying for the 2027 Lorraine Doderer STEM Goes Red Scholarship. The American Heart Association's Go Red for Women movement and Lorraine Doderer of the Sam J. Frankino Foundation developed the Lorraine Doderer STEM Goes Red Scholarship in 2019 with the goal of bridging the gap between student interests in pursuing a career in a STEM field (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) and achieving their goals. The 2027 Lorraine Doderer STEM Goes Red Scholarship will award fifteen (15) \$5,000 scholarships.

Qualification Requirements:

- 11th-12th grade student currently living in or attending school in one of the following counties: Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Mahoning, Medina, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Wayne
- Minimum 3.0 GPA
- Identifies as Female
- U.S. citizen/permanent resident of the U.S.
- Applying for funding for the following:
 - Attendance at a university with the intent to major in a STEM-related field.
 - Attendance at a vocational or technical trade institution with a focus on earning a degree/certificate in a STEM-related field.
- Past award recipients are not eligible to re-apply; however past applicants who were not awarded a scholarship are encouraged to re-apply.

In addition to meeting the scholarship qualifications, a review committee will select finalists based on:

- Interest and commitment to pursue a career in a STEM field
- (2) letters of recommendation. Qualities should include academic potential in STEM and leadership, service, and character.
- Academic achievement
- Five (5) paragraph essay* (500 words maximum) which addresses at minimum, two of the following application questions:
 1. What inspired your interest in STEM, and how has that shaped your educational and career aspirations?
 2. What opportunities and challenges do you believe women face in STEM today? How do you hope to contribute to advancing women in STEM throughout your career?
 3. How can STEM innovation improve health outcomes and quality of life? Describe how you hope your future education and career will contribute to building healthier communities.
 4. How do you plan to use your STEM education to make a positive impact on others? Include how you hope to lead, mentor, or inspire future generations.
 5. Looking beyond college, what impact do you hope to make through your STEM career? How are you preparing today to build toward that future?

*Applicants may use artificial intelligence (AI) tools only as a supplemental aid in the preparation of their essays. All submitted essays must reflect the applicant's own ideas, experiences, and voice. The final content must be primarily written and developed by the applicant, demonstrating independent thought and authenticity. Failure to comply with this policy may result in disqualification.

Application Submission:

To apply online, scan this QR code or visit our website: www.heart.org/CLESTEMGoesRed. From the Lorraine Dodero Scholarship page, you will be directed to the online application system.

Submissions for the 2027 Lorraine Dodero STEM Goes Red Scholarship will be accepted between the dates of Monday, October 5, 2026 – Tuesday, December 15, 2026 and will require the following:



- Essay
- One (1) copy of school transcript
- Two (2) letters of recommendation

Note: Incomplete applications will not be considered. If you are experiencing difficulties with submitting your application via our system, please contact Makenzie.morgan@heart.org for assistance.

Fifteen (15) Awarded Scholarship recipients will be notified by April 2027. All notifications are final. Based on grade of individual, scholarship awards will be distributed to coincide with the Fall 2027 semester and will be distributed to an accredited college, university or trade institution. Funds for individuals still in high school will be held until the individual transitions to college, but that must occur within four years of the application submission. Individuals are not eligible to receive direct funds.

Miscellaneous:

In the event that the operation or administration of the scholarship application or review process is impaired or prevented in any way for any reason, including, but not limited to fraud, change of condition or other technical problems, AHA may in its sole discretion, either: (a) terminate the scholarship; (b) suspend the scholarship submission or review to address the impairment and then resume the scholarship in a manner that best conforms to the spirit of these rules; and/or (c) substitute other award(s) for any award set forth in these Rules that becomes unavailable for any reason. AHA reserves the right in its sole discretion to disqualify any individual found to be tampering with the entry process or the operation of the scholarship or acting in violation of these rules. Failure to execute and return any agreements with AHA that are conditioned on winning will result in such Winner's automatic forfeiture of his/her award with no substitution or alternative available. AHA's failure to enforce any term of these rules shall not constitute a waiver of that or any other provision. Information provided by you for this scholarship is subject to AHA's privacy policy.

AHA is not responsible for: (i) electronic transmissions that are lost, late, stolen, incomplete, damaged or misdirected; (ii) any problems or technical malfunctions, errors, omissions, deletions, defects, communication failures or (iii) causes beyond AHA's reasonable control that jeopardize the administration, security, fairness, integrity or proper conduct of the scholarship. AHA will not be responsible if weather conditions, event cancellations, acts of God or other circumstances beyond their control prevent the award from being granted or the scholarship from taking place.

By submitting an application, participants and, if applicable, their parent or guardian, agree to release, discharge and hold harmless AHA and each of its affiliates, directors, officers, employees and agents from and against any and all injuries, claims, losses, damages, actions and/or liability arising out of or in connection with, directly or indirectly, participation in and/or entry into the scholarship or acceptance, delivery, possession, use or misuse of any award received. The determinations of AHA are final and binding with respect to any matter arising out of the interpretation or application of these rules.

Entrants agree and acknowledge that personal data submitted with an entry, including name, mailing address, phone number and email address may be collected, processed, stored and otherwise used by AHA and its affiliates for the purposes of conducting and administering the Contest. All personal information that is collected is subject to AHA's Privacy Policy, <https://www.heart.org/en/about-us/statements-and-policies/privacy-statement>

Questions? Contact us at: STEM.Scholarship@heart.org.

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