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Oct 2025 - AOC Foundation Scholarships Committee Report

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Topics:

20 Applications were received for the STEM Student of the Year Award. Winners were:

- Ms. Hannah Blake from Virginia Tech University
- Mr. Kyan Macdonald from Norwich University

15 Applications were received for the Future 5 Program. Winners were:

- Mr. Kane Louderback with Information Systems Laboratories
- Mr. Zachary Cushenberry with Southwest Research Institute
- Mr. Brandt Lomen with MITRE Corporation
- Mr. Luis Garrido with L3Harris Technologies
- Ms. Samantha Shattin with L3Harris technologies

3 applications were received for the new “From Service to Scholars” program. Winners were:

- Mr. Mateo Portelli from Old Dominion University
- Ms. Kristy Green from South College University
- Mr. Stephen Olguin from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University

Current Scholarships



Applications were consistent for the 2025 “AOC STEM Student of the Year” sponsored by RTX topping out at 20 qualified individuals competing; the Committee is looking to get a larger representation from applicants outside of the United States.

First year of offering the “From Service to Scholar” program sponsored by Rohde & Schwarz brought in 3 qualified applicants due to a very short turn around time for promotion. Believe with enough lead time for marketing we will get a larger pool of individuals in 2026.

Our “Future 5” applicants started off slow but additional promotion brought in a nice pool of individuals. We also want to make sure that those who were not selected also consider applying in subsequent years. There is still discussion about either expanding the program by region or saving a slot for an individual from outside the United States should be considered.

New Programs



The Committee is committed to adding at least 2-3 new scholarships for 2026 perhaps partnering with universities as some of our chapters do. It's felt that the "template" developed for the From Service to Scholar program will be appealing to other corporations willing to make a multi-year commitment for funding at a minimum of \$10,000 per year.

Per the foundation's long-range plan, we are also starting to develop the framework for a global scholarship/academic award program utilizing all nine of AOC's regions and the more than 70 chapters worldwide. Though educational systems are different throughout the world, we need to come up with "common denominators" that could be used to evaluate applicants in each of our regions.

In addition, major fundraising will need to take place if we look to award scholarships in all nine regions – investigating the concept of a pooled fund where many contributors can donate and not just look to a single funding source.