The University of Massachusetts, Amherst, School of Education, in collaboration with STEMTEC, is offering a new certification option that will enable prospective middle or high school science teachers to complete the certification process more quickly. The Secondary Teacher Education Program (STEP) new Summer/Fall Certification Option makes it possible for prospective teachers to complete secondary science or mathematics teacher certification requirements by taking courses in the summer and fulfilling their student teaching requirements in the fall. [To apply for this certification program, contact the STEP Information Office, 121B Furcolo Hall, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, MA 01003, 413-545-4397, stepadv@educ.umass.edu] Students who are applying for the STEP Summer/Fall Certification Option in Secondary Science and Mathematics can also apply to STEMTEC (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics Teacher Education Collaborative, a NSF-funded project) for a partial scholarship in support of their education.

AWARD

Awards for Summer/Fall 2002 will be announced in the spring, as soon as decisions are made. Award funds will be disbursed to students through the University Business Office, half in the summer semester and, pending renewal of the grant, the other half in the fall, shortly after the beginning of each semester.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants for the Teaching Scholar Awards must apply for, be accepted into, and enroll in the Summer/Fall 2002 Certification Option in Secondary Science and Mathematics program at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. One of STEMTEC’s goals is to increase the number of science and mathematics teachers from traditionally underrepresented groups, and students from traditionally underrepresented groups are encouraged to apply. However, scholarships are available to all qualified candidates, regardless of ethnicity/race.

NSF guidelines require that Teaching Scholars must be U.S. citizens or must be permanent U.S. residents with intent to teach in the U.S.
APPLICATION/REQUIREMENTS

Please **complete and return, in one package:**

- The completed application form.
- Transcripts from your current institution and all post-secondary schools attended at which four or more classes have been taken. Official transcripts must be sent before the funds can be awarded.
- Two letters of recommendation (you may have your referees send the same letter they sent for your STEP application).

**Submit to the UMass Financial Aid Office:** the STEMTEC Financial Aid form, signed and dated by you, to be filled out by the financial aid officer, who will then send it to STEMTEC on your behalf. You may need to fill out another financial aid form in the fall semester.

Scholarship recipients will be asked to fill out a brief final report at the end of their award period.

SUBMISSION

If you have any questions about the NSF/STEMTEC Scholarships or the application process, please contact:

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Visit our web site to find out more about STEMTEC or to download applications materials:

[http://k12s.phast.umass.edu/~stemtec](http://k12s.phast.umass.edu/~stemtec)

**To ensure consideration, complete application packages must be sent to:**  
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