

**The Seaton Family Scholarship
for Mathematically-based Sciences (Engineering, Physics, Math, Computer Science, AI)
Confidential Application and Checklist**

Return application and supplemental materials to Endowment Committee Chair, Highland United Methodist Church; 1901 Ridge Road, Raleigh, NC 27607 no later than April 15th.

To apply for the scholarship, please provide all the information below.

Applicant's Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Name of Parent(s) or Guardian(s) _____

Parent's Telephone Number _____ Email Address _____

Three Reference Letters

- One reference from a math or science teacher who can speak to the applicant's intellectual curiosity and love of the subject — not just their academic performance
- One reference must be from a Highland staff member or church member
- One other reference from a person not associated with Highland UMC

Each letter must be submitted in a sealed envelope. References should identify who they are, state their relationship to the applicant, provide their address and telephone number, and sign the letter.

Institution where applicant is or will be enrolled _____

Please provide an OFFICIAL confirmation of enrollment from the College or University.

Applicant's Major or Field of Study _____

Note: Applicants must intend to pursue a degree in Engineering (all disciplines), Physics, Mathematics, Computer Science, or Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning.

Overall GPA _____

Please provide an OFFICIAL Transcript showing GPA for the latest completed term and the overall GPA. (The transcript must be an official transcript in a sealed envelope.) An unweighted 2.5+ GPA is required.

Member of Highland UMC Yes _____ No _____

Please provide a letter of certification from the Church that applicant is a Highland member.

Essay

To apply, a 500-word essay is required. Please explain your passion for your chosen field and how it has appeared in your life. Below are three prompts that may help.

Prompt 1

What question in math, physics, engineering, or computer science keeps you up at night – and why can't you let it go?

Prompt 2

Explain something you built, programmed, measured, or figured out on your own – outside of a classroom assignment. Tell us the story of how it happened. Photos, links, or other supporting evidence may be included.

Prompt 3

Describe a moment when something in math or science completely broke your intuition and then rebuilt it. What happened, and how did it change how you think?

Include applicant's name and contact information on the essay.

Evidence of Engagement

Applicants are encouraged (though not required) to submit supporting evidence of self-directed learning or projects: photos, links to code repositories, science fair records, club memberships, or similar.

Financial Need

Financial need is not a primary criteria for this scholarship. However, in the case of equally qualified candidates, financial need should be considered. If you wish for financial need to be considered, please provide proof of financial assistance from the college or university financial aid office.

Applicant's Signature _____ **Date** _____

Approval

Endowment Committee Chair _____ Date _____

If not approved, give reason, signature and date below.

Endowment Committee Chair _____ Date _____