HOW TO APPLY

Complete the required applications. Return the SCIENCE EXCEL scholarship application to:

Tracy Knowles
Bluegrass Community and Technical College
Oswald Building, 234H
470 Cooper Drive
Lexington, KY 40506

Early Application deadline is April 30.
Extended Application deadline (if necessary) is August 10.

Selections and notifications will be made within 30 days of the application deadline.

Questions? Contact: Tracy Knowles at 859-246-6460 or Tammy Liles at 859-246-6449.

College Accreditation
Bluegrass Community and Technical College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097; telephone 404-679-4501) to award associate degrees.

Bluegrass Community and Technical College is an equal opportunity employer and education institution.

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ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The SCIENCE EXCEL Program provides significant scholarships for biology, chemistry, physics, and environmental science majors at BCTC.

The goals of the SCIENCE EXCEL program are to:

• Enroll academically talented and financially needy students into biology, chemistry, physics and environmental sciences.
• Increase the number of minority and under-represented populations in the natural sciences.
• Provide academic support, mentoring and peer leadership opportunities for project participants.
• Retain 100% of SCIENCE EXCEL students through completion of associate’s degree.
• 100% job placement in an environmental sciences technology related field or transfer to a baccalaureate degree program in an S-STEM discipline following completion of the associate degree.

SCIENCE EXCEL will provide approximately 20 scholarships per year based on student financial need. The scholarship will allow students to reduce their loan package and/or work hours to pursue a full course load (15 credit hours) and a rigorous curriculum.

Scholarship recipients will be selected by an advisory board using a numerical rubric based on academic performance (GPA, ACTE, SAT), science teacher recommendation, application essay and interview. It is expected that all SCIENCE EXCEL students will complete a minimum of 30 credit hours each academic year and maintain a 2.5 GPA.

Each incoming scholarship class will take required math, English composition, and communication courses as a single cohort and then will split into discipline specific cohorts under the direction of a designated faculty advisor.

HOW DO I APPLY?

In order to be considered for the SCIENCE EXCEL program:

• Students must be enrolled at Bluegrass Community and Technical College. College application is available on-line at: http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/sa/admissions/application_for_admission/

• Students must have documented financial need by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students with extenuating financial circumstances should contact the Student Financial Aid office for recalculation. FAFSA application is available on-line at: http://www.fafsa.ed.gov

• Students must complete the SCIENCE EXCEL scholarship application. The program application is available on-line at: http://www.bluegrass.kctcs.edu/natural_sciences/

• Students must be citizens of the United States, nationals of the United States (as defined in section 101(a) of the Immigration and Nationality Act), aliens admitted as refugees under section 207 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, or aliens lawfully admitted to the United States for permanent residence.

Selections will be based on the following criteria with preference given to minority and underrepresented groups:

INCOMING FRESHMAN

Academic Performance
• Cumulative high school GPA of 3.00 or better on a 4.00 scale
• Minimum ACT Math score of 19, English score of 18, and Science score required or
• Minimum SAT Quantitative score of 472 and Verbal score of 450
Science Teacher Recommendation
Application Essay

CURRENTLY ENROLLED OR TRANSFER STUDENTS

Academic Performance
• Cumulative college GPA of 2.50 or better on a 4.00 scale
• Minimum ACT Math score of 19 and English score of 18, or Compass Math score of 48 and Writing score of 70 or
• Minimum SAT Quantitative score of 472 and Verbal score of 450
Science Teacher Recommendation
Application Essay

Final round applicants will be asked to meet with the Scholarship Committee for a short interview.