ESTEEM is a need-based and merit-based scholarship grant and mentorship program sponsored by the National Science Foundation and in cooperation with UC Santa Barbara. ESTEEM is open to continuing engineering and computer science majors who will be at AHC in 2022–23 and are planning to transfer to a 4-year university. This year is the last year this opportunity will be available.

Who should apply? Continuing transfer-bound engineering and computer science majors with unmet financial need and a minimum AHC GPA of 2.9, who are in (or who have completed) Pre-Calculus 141 in Fall 2022, and are eligible to receive federal financial aid. Applicants should preferably be attending full-time (12 units); reduced grants may be awarded to those attending at least half-time (6 units).

Awards are given only to those with unmet need. Competitive Estimated Family Contributions (EFC) from FAFSA are typically less than $12,000. Applications are scored equally on (1) financial need and (2) academic merit/potential. Meeting the minimum academic requirements does not guarantee an award.

For 2022-2023, an estimated 15 new scholarship grants will be awarded at up to $4,000 per semester. Take advantage of this great opportunity. Reduce your work hours and focus on school.

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Questions? Contact: Dom Dal Bello, Engineering Professor, at ddalbello@hancockcollege.edu.

Eligibility Requirements (abbreviated)
An applicant must be:

• an AHC student pursuing a bachelor’s degree in engineering or computer science.
• a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or lawfully admitted refugee.
• eligible for need-based financial aid for 2022–23, based on the 2022–23 FAFSA Student Aid Report (SAR), and have Unmet Need. Competitive EFCs are typically $12,000 or less. The 90-unit limit for financial aid may be waived.
• in (or have completed) PreCalculus in Fall 2022.
• preferably enrolled full-time (at least 12 units) at AHC during each term of the award. Reduced grants may be awarded to those with reduced units (minimum 6 units).
• Enroll in 2+ courses per term needed to transfer and earn a degree in Engineering or Computer Science.
• Have a AHC GPA of at least 2.9 (cumulative) at end of summer 2022.

A complete application packet for ESTEEM contains the following documents:
1. Application Form (2 sides)
2. Personal Statement (~1.5 pages, double spaced)
3. Student Educational Plan
4. College Transcripts
5. Copy of 2022–23 FAFSA Student Aid Report
6. One (1) Recommendation Form from an AHC STEM instructor.

DEADLINE for 2022-2023 cycle: Friday, October 7, 2022

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