ARCS Scholarship Requirements

The Colorado Chapter of the *Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation* (ARCS®) is pleased to donate funds for ARCS scholarships to your institution. As directed by the National Board of the ARCS Foundation, Inc., we wish to list the following requirements for all ARCS Foundation Scholars:

1. Must have a G.P.A. of not less than 3.50
   
   **Note 1:** Most of our scholars have considerable higher GPAs

2. Must be a United States Citizen

3. Must be in the fields of natural sciences, engineering, mathematics or medicine

4. Must be a full-time student prepared to complete a full year of study beginning in September and continuing until the end of the normal academic year.
   
   **Note 2:** Since scholarships are awarded for the full academic year, Ph.D. candidates finishing early should not be considered for the ARCS Scholarship.
   
   **Note 3:** In the event of unforeseen circumstances, -- foreign study, illness, change of major to a non-ARCS supported field, transfer to another university -- where the scholar is not eligible for the second semester, half of the scholarship award shall be returned to ARCS.

5. Must have true financial need using the *FAFSA* Guidelines (United States Department of Education)

6. Must complete the annual forms with required photographs to conform to the policies set forth by the National Board of the ARCS Foundation with notification to ARCS

   - Student Biographical Data Form (Bioform) with Release Form Statement
   - Portrait style digital photo and one digital candid photo relating to major field (e.g. scholar in lab)

7. Must attend the scholar introduction session at the university and the Scholar Luncheon in the fall. Scholars will be the guests of ARCS. Scholars will receive invitations to the Gala in the spring and other ARCS events but are not required to attend these additional events.

8. First year students (Freshmen, First year Medical, First Year Vet Med) are not eligible. Once selected, students who continue to qualify shall be supported by the ARCS scholarship for not more than 3 years.

9. The National ARCS Board prohibits the use of scholarship funds at the post-doctoral level.

10. Please see list below of ARCS Approved Areas of Study:

    ARCS supported disciplines must be part of accredited degree-granting institutions whose undergraduate programs, if any, require four years of study. These subject areas represent general categories. Subcategories of each area may be approved (e.g. cell and molecular biology). Cross-disciplinary studies wherein each component is on the list below (e.g. biomedical engineering) also may be approved.
Some of these disciplines may include research that is not considered "hard" or "basic" science. ARCS funding is to be used for departments that specialize in research rather than clinical studies.

The National Board University Relations Committee will review this list on a regular basis and other areas of study may be approved at the discretion of the National Board.

Aeronautics
Astronautics
Astronomy
Atmospheric Sciences
Biology
Botany
Chemistry Computer/Information Science
Dentistry, graduate only
Ecology
Engineering
Entomology
Environmental Studies
Epidemiology
Genetics
Geology
Immunology
Mathematics
Medicine
Oceanography
Pharmacology
Physics
Public Health, graduate only
Space Science
Statistics
Veterinary Medicine
Zoology