



## The José Milton Foundation Advancing Women in STEM Scholarship Information for Applicants 2026

**The José Milton Foundation Advancing Women in STEM Scholarship** seeks to encourage academically talented and highly motivated Girl Scouts who are active in Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida and earning a Gold Award in a STEM area to pursue a degree/career in a STEM field. Typically, students earning a Bachelor's degree in a STEM-related field are highly employable and well-prepared to enjoy career success and increased salary potential. Women are underrepresented in STEM fields. By offering this Scholarship, the José Milton Foundation aims at greater inclusion within the STEM workforce and STEM leadership.

A STEM Scholarship of \$2,500 will be awarded to a qualified candidates. All Scholarship monies will be given to the student awardee through the Girl Scouts.

### Criteria for Selection:

1. Applicant must be active in Girl Scouts of Tropical Florida for at least three years and must exemplify the Girl Scouts values of courage, confidence, leadership, and character.
2. Applicant must have earned/be in the process of earning a Gold Award based on a STEM project and provide (1) a short 3-minute video describing the Project and (2) title and a written abstract, limited to 250 words.
3. For 2025 Scholarship: She must be in her junior or senior year of high school in a Miami-Dade or Monroe school and must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher (on a 4.0 scale).
  - (a) Applicant who is a Senior must be accepted to an accredited science, technology, engineering, or math program at a post-secondary institution in the US that will lead to a Bachelor's Degree. The applicant's declared major must fall within a STEM-related field, with a particular emphasis on areas where women are underrepresented.
  - (b) Applicant who is a Junior must indicate that she plans to choose a STEM-related major at an accredited post-secondary institution.
4. Applicant must answer the following prompt, limited to 250 words (please include word count):
  - ***Reflecting on Your Future in STEM: As you prepare to enter university, what excites you most about studying a STEM major? What are your career aspirations, and how do you see a degree in STEM helping you achieve them?***

**Deadline for Submission of the Application Packet is May 15, 2026.** Top candidates will be called back for a virtual interview in May, and the **José Milton Foundation Advancing Women in STEM Scholarship** Awardee will be announced during the Girl Scouts High Awards Ceremony on June 7th.

**The José Milton Foundation**  
**Advancing Women in STEM Scholarship Application 2026**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

High School: \_\_\_\_\_ GPA as of date of submission: \_\_\_\_\_

(For Seniors) College or University attending in the Fall of 2026: \_\_\_\_\_

(For Juniors and Seniors) Intended/Declared Major: \_\_\_\_\_

Have you earned your Gold Award (in a STEM area)? YES or NO

If YES, what year did you earn your Gold Award? \_\_\_\_\_ (If you are receiving your Gold Award at the ceremony in 2026, please write 2026)

Please include with your application:  This cover sheet  The answers to the prompt (with word count)  STEM Project Title & Abstract (with word count)  A video introducing yourself and your STEM Gold Award Project (3-min max)  A letter from your troop leader attesting that you have been a Girl Scout for at least three years and that you exemplify the Girl Scouts values of courage, confidence, leadership, and character.

The most qualified applicants will be vetted and interviewed by a Scholarship Committee comprised of Board Members from the José Milton Foundation.

All the information provided is true and to the best of my knowledge:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please email the completed application packet by May 15 to: Lori Ross, GSTF Chief Mission Delivery Officer, at [lross@girlscoutsfl.org](mailto:lross@girlscoutsfl.org).

Good Luck!