



2026 STEVE SANGHI SCHOLARSHIP SUMMARY:

The Scholarship Committee of AZFirst is accepting applications for the "Steve Sanghi Scholarship Award." Arizona students who are participants in the 2026 *FIRST* Robotics Competition Arizona Regional are encouraged to apply for this \$5,000 per academic year scholarship (\$2,500 per semester) – which may be renewable for up to four years. One scholarship will be given out at each of the FRC Arizona Regional events, for a total of two scholarships.

To be eligible for the scholarship, you must:

- **Complete and submit the attached application by February 14, 2026;**
- Participate in a FRC (*FIRST* Robotics Competition) 2026 Arizona Regional
- Be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll, as a full-time student in an accredited college or university in the United States starting no later than the fall semester of 2026; and
- Use the scholarship to pursue a major or degree program at the college or university in engineering, mathematics or science.

Each scholarship is renewable for up to four years, if the scholarship recipient:

- Timely requests renewal;
- Is in good standing at a college or university and has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.2; and
- Continues to be enrolled in a major or degree program in engineering, mathematics or science.

Please review the 2026 Steve Sanghi Scholarship Program Materials for complete details about the scholarship.



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APPLICATION AND RENEWAL INSTRUCTIONS

To apply for the Scholarship, you must provide each of the following documents to AZFirst no later than **Friday, February 14, 2026**:

- your completed application form (indicate on the form which event your/your team are attending)
- a letter of recommendation from a high school instructor from whom you have taken one or more classes
- a brief essay (no more than 100 words) in which you discuss your participation in the *FIRST* Robotics competition and the impact of the competition on your life
- your official high school transcript
- copies of your (most recent) SAT and/or ACT scores

If you are a home-schooled student, please contact AZFirst for instructions on what materials you should provide in lieu of a letter of recommendation and transcript.

All materials should be mailed or e-mailed to AZFirst at the following address:

AZFirst
2355 West Chandler Blvd.
Chandler, Arizona 85224-6199
Attn: Annalisa Regalado
Phone: (480) 792-7200 (x-7938)
E-Mail annalisa.regalado@microchip.com

AZFirst will announce the recipients of the Scholarship at the FRC 2026 Arizona Regional.

To receive your initial disbursement of Scholarship funds, you must send AZFirst, no later than the end of the second week of classes, a letter requesting the funds and confirming the college or university to which the funds should be sent. To renew the Scholarship for subsequent academic periods, you must send AZFirst, no later than the end of the second week of classes, each of the following documents:

- a letter requesting the Scholarship funds
- your official University transcript
- any other materials or documentation requested by AZFirst to assist it in determining whether you have met the criteria for renewal of the Scholarship.

All such materials should be mailed or e-mailed to AZFirst at the address set forth above.



11. SAT scores: _____
Total: Critical Reading Math Writing

12. ACT score: _____
Composite Score

If you have taken both tests, please report your scores for both tests. If you've taken a test more than once, please report only your most recent score on that test.

13. Prepare and attach a typed (i.e., not handwritten) essay, of 100 words or less, discussing your participation in the *FIRST* Robotics competition and the impact of the competition on your life.

By signing this Application Form, I hereby certify that: (i) all information contained in or attached to this Application Form, or provided with this Application Form, is true, accurate and complete; (ii) the attached essay is solely my work product; and (iii) to the best of my knowledge, I am not an immediate or extended family member of: (a) an officer or director of AZFirst or Microchip Technology Inc.; (b) a substantial contributor to AZFirst; or (c) a member of the Scholarship Committee of AZFirst.

Signature: _____

Date: _____



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PROGRAM MATERIALS

AZFirst is pleased to announce that it is accepting applications for the 2026 Steve Sanghi Scholarship (the “Scholarship”). The deadline for Scholarship applications is Friday, February 14, 2026. AZFirst will select the recipient(s). The recipient of the Scholarship will be announced at the 2026 *FIRST* Robotics Competition Arizona Regional.

The recipient of the Scholarship must: (i) be an Arizona student participant in a FRC AZ Regional; (ii) be eligible to enroll, and agree to enroll, as a full-time student in an accredited college or university in the United States (the “University”) starting no later than the fall semester of 2026; and (iii) use the Scholarship to pursue a major or degree program at the University in engineering, mathematics or science.

The Scholarship recipient(s) will receive an award of \$5,000 per academic year, and the award will be disbursed in equal amounts at the beginning of each academic period covered by the award (e.g., \$2,500 per semester). To continue receiving Scholarship funds after the initial academic period covered by the award, the recipient(s) must timely request renewal of the Scholarship, and meet the Scholarship renewal criteria (as described below), for each academic period covered by the award. The Scholarship may be renewed for up to a total of 4 academic years provided that the recipient timely requests renewal, and meets the renewal criteria, for each academic period covered by the award.

Any Arizona high school student in good academic standing (including any home-schooled student) who meets the above criteria is eligible to be considered for the Scholarship provided that he or she is not an immediate or extended family member of: (i) an officer or director of AZFirst or Microchip Technology Inc.; (ii) a substantial contributor to AZFirst; or (iii) a member of AZFirst’s Scholarship Committee.

AZFirst will select the Scholarship recipient from among the eligible applicants based on the following award criteria:

1. A short essay written by the applicant (no more than 100 words) discussing their participation in the *FIRST* Robotics competition and the impact of the competition on their life;
2. The applicant’s prior academic performance;
3. The applicant’s (most recent) scores on the SAT and/or ACT;
4. A letter of recommendation from any high school instructor from whom the applicant has taken one or more classes; and
5. AZFirst’s assessment of (i) the applicant’s interest in pursuing, and potential to complete, a major or degree program in engineering, mathematics or science, and (ii) the applicant’s potential to contribute to advancements in engineering, mathematics or science.



The recipient may use Scholarship funds solely to defray the cost of their tuition, books, and other enrollment-related fees. AZFirst reserves the right to disburse the funds directly to the University to defray the cost of the recipient's tuition, books and other enrollment-related fees.

As a condition to receiving Scholarship funds, the recipient must sign an agreement that requires the recipient, among other things (i) to inform AZFirst promptly in the event of any material change in their major or degree program, academic standing or enrollment status (including, but not limited to, a transfer by the recipient to another academic institution or a change in the recipient's status from full-time to part-time), and (ii) to repay promptly any portion of the Scholarship funds that AZFirst determines, and notifies the recipient, has been used improperly. Any improper use of Scholarship funds will result in AZFirst withholding future Scholarship funds the recipient would have otherwise been eligible to receive.

To receive Scholarship funds for the initial academic period covered by the award, the recipient must send AZFirst, no later than the end of the second week of classes, a letter requesting the Scholarship funds and confirming the college or university to which the funds should be sent. To continue receiving Scholarship funds for subsequent academic periods covered by the award, the recipient must send AZFirst, (i) no later than the end of the second week of classes, a letter requesting the Scholarship funds and a cumulative transcript listing all courses taken and grades received at the University through the end of the previous academic period, and (ii) any other materials or documentation requested by AZFirst to assist it in determining whether the recipient has met the criteria for renewal of the Scholarship. Within a reasonable period of time after receipt of such materials, AZFirst will process the recipient's request, determine whether he or she has met the criteria for renewal of the Scholarship and, if appropriate, disburse the Scholarship funds for that academic period.

The criteria for renewal of the Scholarship are as follows:

1. The recipient must be in good academic standing at the University and have a minimum cumulative University grade point average ("GPA") of 3.2 (or the equivalent for any University grading system in which a letter grade of "B" does not equate to a 3.0 GPA) through the end of the prior academic period; and
2. The recipient must continue to be enrolled in, and make satisfactory progress towards timely completing, a major or degree program at the University in engineering, mathematics or science.

AZFirst may revoke or suspend the Scholarship if AZFirst determines, in its sole and absolute judgment, that: (i) the recipient fails to meet one or more of the Scholarship renewal criteria; (ii) the recipient has engaged in any act of academic dishonesty; or (iii) the recipient knows, or should have known, that any information provided by the recipient to AZFirst (including, but not limited to, any information contained in or attached to the recipient's application form or provided to AZFirst in connection with the recipient's application form or application for renewal) is untrue, inaccurate or incomplete. If AZFirst suspends the Scholarship, AZFirst may reinstate the Scholarship for a subsequent academic period if AZFirst determines, in its sole and absolute judgment, that (i) the student, at the time of reinstatement, meets all of the Scholarship renewal criteria, and (ii) reinstatement of the Scholarship is reasonable in light of financial or medical hardships or other challenges experienced by the student during the period covered by the award.



If a Scholarship is suspended or revoked, AZFirst reserves the right to award any or all of the unused Scholarship funds to any other student for any purpose consistent with AZFirst's charitable purposes.

All decisions by AZFirst regarding Scholarship awards, renewals, revocations, suspensions, and reinstatements are final and may not be appealed for any reason.