

THE BOTSTIBER SCHOLARS PROGRAM AT PENN STATE

OVERVIEW

The Botstiber Scholars Program at Penn State offers full scholarships to highly talented students of good moral character who wish to study in the fields of science, technology and commerce.

Botstiber Scholars are selected on academic performance and leadership potential. They must demonstrate financial need. They must also plan to study science, technology or commerce and agree to return to sub-Saharan Africa and generate positive change in their communities.

Scholarship recipients receive tuition, room and board, living expenses and transportation. All scholars receive counseling (including career development guidance) and leadership training, and they participate in social events and retreats. Internships in sub-Saharan Africa may also be arranged.

Botstiber Scholars enjoy a rigorous academic environment as well as an inviting social atmosphere at Penn State. With supplemental programs designed to build leadership capacity, Botstiber Scholars are well prepared to succeed in their careers and become leaders in their communities.



In 2016, four exceptional students were selected from Rwanda, Zimbabwe, and Ghana and are now in their second year at Penn State. In 2017, the program expanded to include six new Botstiber Scholars, who were selected from Rwanda, Kenya, DR Congo and Ethiopia. These ten scholars are now pursuing degrees in the College of Engineering and the College of Earth and Mineral Sciences.

If you are an interested student eligible for the Botstiber Scholars Program at Penn State, please read the following thoroughly before starting your application.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Step 1: Apply to Penn State University

- Apply to the **UNIVERSITY PARK** campus
- Type **BOTSTIBER** as your sponsorship on your application
- Choose an approved Botstiber major
- Submit required **SAT/ACT and other** required scores and documentation
- Deadline: November 30th 2017

Step 2: Acceptance to Penn State University

- Congratulations!
- Receive Botstiber Scholars Program Application
- Receive Botstiber Scholars Program Financial Aid Application

Step 3: Apply to the Botstiber Scholars Program

- Submit Botstiber Scholars Program Application
- Submit Botstiber Scholars Program Financial Aid Application
- Submit required documentation
- Deadline: February 1st 2018

Step 4: Botstiber Scholar Selection

- Selection Committee reviews applications

Step 5: Botstiber Scholars Announcement

- Announcement: March 30th 2018

THINGS TO REMEMBER:

1. The Botstiber Scholars Program is for Fall admission only; no Spring admission will be considered.
2. SAT or ACT scores are **REQUIRED** for the application process. For more information on the SAT/ACT please contact your Education USA Adviser.
3. You must apply to **UNIVERSITY PARK** campus to be considered for the scholarship.
4. You must type **BOTSTIBER** as your sponsorship on your online Penn State application in order to receive the Botstiber Scholars Program application.
5. If after applying to University Park campus an applicant is admitted into a commonwealth campus, the student will be moved to University Park if awarded the scholarship.
6. There are no age requirements or limits.
7. The Botstiber Scholars Program is for undergraduate study only; no graduate study will be considered.
8. Applicants must have demonstrated financial need, sub-Saharan African citizenship, and must not have attended university.

BOTSTIBER SCHOLARS MAJORS:

Applicants must choose one of the following fields of study when applying to Penn State University. Please visit each academic unit's website for more information.

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Aerospace Engineering
Chemical Engineering
Civil Engineering
Computer Engineering
Electrical Engineering
Industrial Engineering
Mechanical Engineering
Nuclear Engineering
Computer Science

For more information click [here](#).

COLLEGE OF EARTH & MINERAL SCIENCES

Energy Business & Finance
Energy Engineering
Environmental Systems Engineering
Mining Engineering
Petroleum & Natural Gas Engineering
Geosciences

For more information click [here](#).

COLLEGE OF AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

Agribusiness Management
Agricultural & Extension Education
Agricultural Science
Animal Science
Biological Engineering
Community, Environment, & Development
Food Science
Plant Sciences

For more information click [here](#).

EBERLY COLLEGE OF SCIENCE

Chemistry
Physics

For more information click [here](#).

COLLEGE OF INFORMATION SCIENCES & TECHNOLOGY

Information Sciences & Technology
Security & Risk Analysis

For more information click [here](#).





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For more information and online application click [here](#)

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