**The Sandra L. Heyman (SLH) Foundation Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) Fellowships – Application Instructions**

*Spring 2024-Spring 2025*

**Thank you for your interest in The SLH Foundation’s STEM Fellowship!** Applications for Fellowships will be accepted through November 30, 2023. Completed applications should be sent to apply@theslhfoundation.org**.** Questions also can be sent to that email address.

For more information about the Fellowship program, visit: <https://www.theslhfoundation.org/>. Decisions about the selection of Fellows will be made by the Foundation in December. All applicants will be notified about decisions via email during December.

**Eligibility Requirements**

* Applicants should be enrolled as a sophomore or junior at a high school in the Washington, DC-area (including Montgomery County, MD, Washington, DC, and the Baltimore Ingenuity Project for the 2023-2024 school year. *Note: If you do not currently meet our eligibility requirements and are interested in participating in the Fellowship, please contact us.*
* Applicants should be interested in science, technology, engineering, and/or math as shown by one or more of the following:
	+ Participation in science or technology fairs
	+ Prior internship or employment with a STEM connection
	+ Participation in clubs or teams with a STEM connection
	+ Other extracurriculars, projects, or hobbies, including but not limited to those involving STEM

**Application Components**

*Please complete each of the following and send to* *apply@theslhfoundation.org* *by November 30, 2023:*

* Applicants must complete this application, including the brief essay questions listed below.
* If the applicant elects to submit a video introduction, they should provide instructions on how the application committee can view the video (e.g., provide a YouTube link, Dropbox link, Google Drive link, send the video via email).
* **The applicant** must sign and submit the statement found at the end of this application acknowledging and accepting the Limitation of Liability Release and affirming their commitment to participate in the fellowship, if selected. *This signature must be provided when the application is submitted.*
* **The applicant’s parent or guardian** must sign and submit the statement found at the end of this application acknowledging and accepting the Limitation of Liability Release and providing their approval of the applicant’s participation in the fellowship program, if selected. *This approval must be provided when the application is submitted.*

**Statement of Equal Opportunity**

SLH Foundation Fellowships are available to all applicants without regard to race, color, creed, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, age, marital status, disability, citizenship, or veteran status in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

**Thank you! We look forward to receiving your application!**

**The SLH Foundation Fellowship – Student Application**

**Name:**

**Current Grade and School:**

**Date of birth:**

**Address:**

**Phone #:**

**Email address:**

**Name of parent(s) or guardian(s):**

**Phone # of parent(s) or guardian(s):**

**Email address of parent(s) or guardian(s):**

**How did you learn about The SLH Foundation Fellowship?**

**Let Us Get to Know You**

**Help us get to know what makes you, you! What is your:**

* **Favorite food:**
* **Favorite music:**
* **Favorite book:**
* **Favorite subject in school:**
* **Favorite hobby:**

**Tell us one fun thing to know about you.…It doesn’t need to be related to STEM!**

**Brief Essays**

1. Tell us about your STEM-related interests and activities to date. What excites you about STEM? What are you hoping to gain from this Fellowship? *Fewer than 500 words.*

2. Explain why you seek to learn more about a potential career enabled by STEM knowledge. What are your current thoughts on your future career path? We want to know where you see yourself in the future! (Don’t know? That’s okay, too – we want to help you to figure that out!) *Fewer than 250 words.*

**Video Introduction (Optional)**

Please submit a 1-2 minute video telling the selection committee about yourself and why you are interested in becoming a Fellow. Include a unique message, fun fact, or statement that will leave an impression on our reviewers. You may draw upon your brief essays if you would like to – or say something entirely new! Please either send the video to our email (apply@theslhfoundation.org) or provide instructions below on how we can access the video.

**Release & Approval**

**Instruction to Applicant and Parent(s) or Guardian(s): Please print and sign this page in ink. Please either scan your signature and return it as part of an application or take a picture of this page and submit this along with your application.**

**Limitation of Liability Release:** As consideration for being permitted by the SLH Foundation to participate in the fellowship activities, I agree that the SLH Foundation and its Board of Directors, officers, agents, guest speakers, mentors, and representatives (“Foundation Releasees”) assume no responsibility for any injury or damage arising out of, or in part cause by, my participation in the Fellowship, either while in transit to or from or at the Fellowship program locations.

I further agree that I, my parent(s) or guardian(s), and legal representatives hereby voluntarily indemnify, release from liability, agree to defend and hold harmless the Foundation Releasees for any loss, liability, damage or cost, including court costs and attorneys’ fees they may incur due to my participation in the Fellowship, whether caused by negligence of the Foundation Releasees or otherwise.

I further voluntarily indemnify, release from liability, agree to defend and hold harmless the Foundation Releasees resulting from any accident, injury, illness, death, loss, theft, damage to person or property, or other consequences arising or resulting directly or indirectly from my participation in the Fellowship, including while traveling to or from Fellowship locations.

**Applicant Release Acknowledgement and Commitment to Participate:** My signature below acknowledges and accepts the above Limitation of Liability Release and **confirms my commitment to participate fully in The SLH Foundation STEM Fellows activities,** if selected. Three events are planned each semester:

Applicant signature: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Applicant (Please print name):\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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

**Parent(s) or Guardian(s) Release Acknowledgement and Approval of Applicant’s Participation:** My signature below confirms that I am the parent or guardian of the Applicant listed above and approve of them applying for and, if accepted, participating in The SLH Foundation STEM Fellowship program. My signature also acknowledges and accepts the Limitation of Liability Release as set forth above.

Signature of applicant’s parent(s) or guardian(s): \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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