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Gateway taking applications for life-changing scholarship opportunity

Gateway Technical College is taking applications for its STEM Scholars Pathway Scholarship, a way for qualified students to receive tuition funding and support to help them obtain a Gateway degree – and then, from there, on to a bachelor's degree.

Through a grant from SC Johnson, students in approved science, technology, engineering and math-related degree programs will receive funding to pay for their Gateway tuition as well as support services to help them succeed.

After graduating from Gateway, they'll be able to transfer those credits to an area four-year college where they will also have a portion of their tuition paid toward a bachelor's degree. All told, it's a more than \$30,000 scholarship opportunity for students to earn two degrees. While the deadline to apply is April, interested students are encouraged to apply now.

"A lot of the students in the program are first generation, and several are economically disadvantaged, so this represents a great opportunity to gain a solid education and enter a solid career," says Sabrina Morgan, STEM Scholars program coordinator.

"In some cases, gaining that degree will not only help the student, but their

family in many ways too. It has the power to change their life."

The SC Johnson STEM Scholars Pathway program is dedicated to

and people of color, who have historically been providing women

underrepresented in STEM industries – as well as those with limited means – the

opportunity to gain a four-year degree in STEM-related career fields.

Students in the program must be enrolled in the following Gateway

Electrical Engineering Technology, Architectural-Structural programs:

Engineering Technician, IT-Al Data Specialist, IT-Cybersecurity Specialist, IT-

Network Specialist, IT-Software Developer, IT-Web Software Developer or

Liberal Arts - Associate of Science.

After earning their Gateway degree, graduates can receive a partial tuition

scholarship to receive a bachelor's degree in approved programs at Carthage

College, Concordia University Wisconsin, Milwaukee School of Engineering or

the University of Wisconsin-Parkside. Carthage, Concordia and MSOE also offer

students an additional matching scholarship totaling \$15,000.

In general, SC Johnson STEM Scholars Pathway is open to students who

live within the Racine Unified School District and are:

Female students

Underrepresented students of color

Low-income students

For more information: www.gtc.edu/stem

Gateway Technical College's mission is to deliver industry-focused education that is flexible, accessible and affordable for our diverse community. The college collaborates with communities in Kenosha, Racine and Walworth counties to ensure economic growth and viability by providing education, training, leadership and technological resources to meet the changing needs of students, employers and communities.