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Willett worked for the nation’s space program for more than twenty-eight years until his passing on June 19, 1998. The James B. Willett Memorial Scholarship Fund has been established by the Willett family in honor of Dr. Willett and his contributions to astrophysics.

Frederick A. Tarantino Memorial Scholarship Award
This scholarship award recognizes the late Frederick A. Tarantino, USRA President and CEO from 2006 - 2014, in recognition of his many contributions to USRA and his dedication to furthering the education of young scientists and engineers in space science related fields.

Each of these four scholarships is a highly competitive one-time award of $5,000 that is given to the student who best represents the goals and mission of USRA and its scholarship donors. Successful past recipients have come from many academic disciplines but all have demonstrated the academic achievement required for the scientific/engineering workforce of the future, and a passion for space exploration research, engineering, or space-related education.
Eligibility Requirements & Criteria

To be considered for any USRA Scholarship, applicants must be full-time undergraduate students attending a four-year accredited college or university that offers courses leading to a degree in science or engineering. Applicants must be within two (2) years of earning a B.S. or B.A. by the time the award is received. Applicants must be U.S. citizens or lawful Permanent Residents.

Applicants must be majoring in the science or engineering. This would include, but is not limited to, aerospace engineering, astronomy, astrobiology, computer science, earth science, electrical engineering, geophysics, geology, mathematics, mechanical engineering, physics, and space science education.

Applicants must have demonstrated or expressed interest in aerospace-related science or engineering, space research and/or space science education.

Applicants must be in good academic standing at their institutions and carry a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.50.

Awards made in the fall, with applications accepted from early June to early August. The application deadline is August 7, 2019.

Next Steps

To learn more about USRA's scholarships or to apply, please visit
https://www.usra.edu/educational-activities-and-opportunities/usra-scholarship-awards