Mercy College

National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship Program
The Opportunities for STEM Achievement (OSA) program, funded by National Science Foundation (NSF) Scholarship Program, will award scholarships of up to $4,000 to incoming freshmen and transfer students and scholarships of up to $6,000 per year to continuing students pursuing degrees in:

- **Computer Information Systems**
- **Computer Science**
- **Cybersecurity**
- **Mathematics**

**OSA will serve a population of academically talented students with financial need, who are often first-generation and largely underrepresented in these fields.**

**SUCCESS STORIES**

The NSF has generously funded these STEM scholarships for Mercy students for over a decade now. These scholarships have allowed students to focus on their studies instead of work, improved retention rates, and helped students launch their careers in the STEM fields.

**ROSELINE FUNGISAYI CHIKOWORE**  
**B.S. in Mathematics ’12**  
I received the NSF scholarship in my Junior and Senior year at Mercy College when I was balancing a full-time credit schedule, working two jobs and involved in campus organizations. The NSF scholarship alleviated my financial burden so that I was able to drop one of my jobs and start working on a research project. I developed a research acumen that would not have been possible without NSF scholarship. This created an opportunity for me to enter into graduate school at NYU. My ultimate goals are to attain a Ph.D. in Financial Mathematics. Because my mentor, Professor Sanju Vaidya, with the help of the NSF, laid a strong research foundation in me, I am not intimidated by going for my Ph.D.

**MARIA CAPODIECI**  
**B.S. in Mathematics and Adolescent Education ’14**  
Applying for the NSF scholarship was probably one of the best decisions I’ve made during my undergrad. Not only did it provide me with funding for my education, but also gave me opportunities such as attending the Mathematical Association of America conference. I was able to present my research to my peers and others in the math field. I was able to experience all of this thanks to my amazing professor, Sanju Vaidya. During her courses, she not only taught me but, provided me with the opportunity to research how math is used in everyday life. I never thought I would be one to present at a conference and I really enjoyed all of the different presentations there as well.

**OSA scholars receive personalized advisement along with an Individual Achievement Plan designed to:**

- improve persistence  
- faculty-mentored research and opportunities to present at conferences  
- seminars and career exploration presented by external professionals  
- traditional support services including professional and peer tutoring to increase academic achievement  
- and assistance with career preparation for immediate entry in STEM employment or admission to graduate school.

**ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY**

- Major in: Mathematics, Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, or Cybersecurity  
- Meet specific financial criteria and file a FAFSA  
- Freshmen with a minimum GPA of 3.5 or continuing students with a minimum GPA of 3.0

**APPLICATION**

- Please go to [www.mercy.edu/academics/nsf-scholarship-program](http://www.mercy.edu/academics/nsf-scholarship-program) to download and fill out an NSF program application and faculty recommendation form.
ABOUT MERCY
Mercy College is located in Dobbs Ferry, with other campuses in Bronx, Manhattan and Yorktown Heights. Mercy is committed to your future. Our nationally recognized PACT mentor program gives students personalized attention from the moment they are accepted, to the moment they graduate and begin their careers. Professional mentors advise and inspire students, helping them to reach their full potential. Mercy College is also committed to providing students with a quality education at an affordable price. In fact, Mercy offers the lowest private tuition rate in New York State. The College also provides generous scholarship packages to high-achieving students. This allows students to obtain an enriching college experience at a fraction of the average national cost.

Mercy College is accredited by the Middle States Commission on Higher Education.