

Lit-STEM Scholarship for 8th Grade Students

Literacy + Science Technology Engineering Math focus

Sponsored by: Adams County Community Foundation, Inc. (ACCF)

ACCF / John and Kay Boch Fund and Don Wood Foundation

NOTE: Incomplete applications will not be considered for an award

**Submission Begins
February 2, 2026**

**Final Due date:
Wednesday,
March 4, 2026
by 4 PM**

Name: _____
Last: _____ First: _____ MI: _____

Address: _____

Phone / cell: _____

Check attachments:

☐ Copy of your last progress report (report card)

☐ Letter of recommendation (adult family member* or adult* non-family) (50-75 words max)
* minimum 21 years old

☐ Completed 'wish-list' of books (p.5): LIT (books) + STEM** materials based on the three levels of awards.

** STEM materials – please refer to the list of options eligible for these awards. Your teacher has this list.

School (please circle one):

Adams Central	St. Joeseeph
North Adams	St. Pete
South Adams	Three Oaks
Homeschool	Wyneken
Other _____	Zion

Student: By signing the following, I agree that:

- ❖ The information provided to the ACCF is true, and that I, myself, am the author of this application.
- ❖ I authorize ACCF the use of my name (and picture, if applicable) for publicity.

Applicant's signature: _____ PRINTED _____

Parent / Guardian: By signing the following, I agree that:

- The information provided to the Adams County Community Foundation (ACCF) is true, and only minimal assistance was provided to my child, the author.
- I authorize ACCF the use of my child's name (and picture, if applicable) for publicity and public awareness purposes.
- I have pre-approved the items chosen by my child.

Yes. Please include my child in this program.

By signing this block, I give my child permission to participate in the ACCF 8th Grade LIT-STEM Program which may allow opportunities for free books & STEM items as the reward for this recognition. I understand this will fulfill the scholastic requirements for this assignment.

Signed: _____

Parent / Guardian: By signing the following, I agree that:

- The information provided on this application to my child's instructor is true, and only minimal assistance was provided to my child, the author.
- For personal reasons, I request that my child's application be removed from this community opportunity.
- Please note, by signing this block, this does NOT remove the student's responsibility to complete this project if assigned as a Project Based Learning activity by your student's teacher.

No. Please remove my child from this program.

By signing this block, I **do not** give my child permission to participate in the ACCF 8th Grade LIT-STEM Program, which potentially allows opportunities for free books & STEM items. My child (and I) understand he/she will not be recognized with a certificate nor an award at the end-of-school awards event.

Signed: _____

Note: Confidentiality: As with all ACCF applications, all information provided on this application is kept confidential within the parameters of this scholarship opportunity. Committee members are required by the ACCF to sign confidentiality forms and are local professionals who understand the necessity for this discretion. Applications are shredded upon completion of this scholarship process.

Note: Scholarship Rewards: ... If your student has not received his or her books / items by **August 5, 2026**, please contact the ACCF office (260.724-3939) immediately. Undelivered or unredeemed rewards will expire on that date. Thank You.

Student Profile

Student's future plans: Please finish this sentence: **After I graduate from high school.....**

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|---|--|
| ☐ I plan to attend a four year college.
☐ I plan to join a branch of the military service.
☐ I am not sure what I want to do (and) —————→
☐ I plan to take a few years 'off' then go to college. | ☐ I plan to attend a two yr college or trades school.
☐ I plan to get a job and earn some money.
☐ I never really thought about it. |
|---|--|

Academic Achievements: (These do not determine the results of who receives the award. Many scholarships are based on a combination of academics, community service, employment, and school activities. A weakness in one area may easily be overcome by a strength in another area).

Scores:

GPA: ☐ 4.0-3.0 ☐ 3.0-2.0 ☐ 2.0-1.0 ☐ >1.0

ILEARN: English (these scores may be obtained through your guidance officer)

Student's Middle School History

Your instructor has information to clarify these pages and to offer suggestions

A. Student's Community Involvement and Community Service + STEM Involvement:

Community involvement includes activities that are organized outside of the school and includes Community Service. Community involvement may be: 4-H projects, Parks and Rec. teams, clubs (twirling, dance, gymnastics, swim, basketball, skateboarding, music, singing, etc). Community service may be: adopt-a-highway/ditch clean-up, missionary trips, teaching Bible school, etc.).

Grade Levels... **Community Involvement / Community Service... and any experience related to STEM involvement** (this may be attending science related programs (be creative!), museums, summer camps, etc.).

	6	7	8	Activity, Sponsoring Agency	Brief description of activity
1.	☐	☐	☐		
2.	☐	☐	☐		
3.	☐	☐	☐		
4.	☐	☐	☐		
5.	☐	☐	☐		

B. Student's Job / Chore Experience + STEM Involvement:

List any job or chore experience that you have received through your work place or home. You may also list any honors, awards, or special recognition you have received. Provide the names of your immediate adult supervisor. If you list: *In-home chores*, *Outside-home chores*, *Farm Chores*, please list the 'types' of chores under these responsibilities. Please prioritize this list with #1 requiring the most skill or instruction.

Grade Level ... **Student's Job / Chore Experience ... and any experience related to STEM involvement**
(this may be personal experiences with STEM kits, science related activities, Science/Math or Lego sets constructed, etc.).

	6	7	8	Activity / Adult Sponsor	Responsibilities / Recognition
1.	☐	☐	☐		
2.	☐	☐	☐		
3.	☐	☐	☐		
4.	☐	☐	☐		
5.	☐	☐	☐		

C. School and Organized Activities+ STEM Involvement:

School activities include activities that are organized by or at the school. These may include clubs, teams, musical groups (singing or instrument), etc. Be sure to list offices held.

Grade Level ... **School / Organized Activities... and any experience related to STEM involvement**
(this may be school related class projects, clubs, programs that enhance a student's STEM involvement, etc.).

	6	7	8	Activity / Adult Sponsor	Awards / Office Held / Lesson Learned
1.	☐	☐	☐		
2.	☐	☐	☐		
3.	☐	☐	☐		
4.	☐	☐	☐		
5.	☐	☐	☐		



PREMIER application:



Initial if you agree:

*"If I am one of the premier scholarship recipients, I understand I may qualify for a premier award: **a programmable robot** (estimate value: \$100.00). I will accept this award in place of the items listed on page 5, WISH list."*

LIT-STEM* Scholarship Application Narratives

*Literacy-Science Technology Engineering Math

Please answer the following questions (75 words max).

Part I: Your thoughts.....

- 1.) What book or STEM project / activity / Lego set would you recommend to a friend and why?
- 2.) What are the benefits of reading and/or creating projects that engage your interest in STEM: Science Technology Engineering or Math?
- 3.) Where do you see yourself in ten years (professionally not geographically)?

Part II: A little bit about you...

- 4.) Select the achievement that you consider to be your most outstanding and describe why.
- 5.) If you could invent ANYTHING (without any limitations or funding restrictions), 1) what would you invent and 2) why do you think our world needs that?
- 6.) Why are you a deserving candidate of this scholarship?

This completes the ACCF / John and Kay Boch, Don Wood Foundation LIT-STEM Scholarship for 8th Graders application. Be sure to fill out the 'Wish List'. If a LIT (book) request / STEM item is considered inappropriate for an 8th grade student, a substitution will attempt to be made based upon the decision of the scholarship committee. Please note, in some cases, substitutions cannot be attained. Thank you for applying for this LIT-STEM Scholarship. *Awards will be presented at the 8th Grade Awards Program scheduled at the end of the 2025/2026 school year.*

Due date is:

Wednesday, March 4, 2026 by 4:00 pm

at the Adams County Community Foundation / 102 N. 2nd Street / Decatur, IN 46733

8th Grade LIT-STEM WISH List

Name (Last, First):

Address:

City, State Zip:

Note: All students must use the recommended list provided for their LIT (book) / STEM item selection(s). (Books for electronic devices are not available.) If a desired book is not listed, please let your teacher know, and she will contact Faith & Life Bookstore to determine the availability and obtain proper ISBN numbers and retail cost. Failure to use proper ISBN numbers and retail costs may void your award.

Questions? Have your teacher contact: Books: Jilaine at Faith & Life Bookstore (260)589-2135/ jgraber@faithandlifebooks.com / STEM

questions: Please email questions to: accf@AdamsCountyFoundation.org

REMINDER: Your wish-list award listings (1st, 2nd, 3rd) cannot exceed the award dollar amount.

If I earn a **First Place, Maximum Award (up to \$60.00)***

STEM item **and/or**

***Book ISBN #:**

Title:

Author:

Cost:

- | | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Total cost:

*If ISBN # is missing, this is considered an incomplete application.

If I earn a **Second Place, Maximum Award (up to \$40.00)***

STEM item **and/or**

***Book ISBN #:**

Title:

Author:

Cost:

- | | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 4. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Total cost:

*If ISBN # is missing, this is considered an incomplete application.

If I earn a **Third Place, Maximum Award (up to \$30.00)***

STEM item **and/or**

***Book ISBN #:**

Title:

Author:

Cost:

- | | | | |
|----------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 2. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| 3. _____ | _____ | _____ | _____ |

Total cost:

*If ISBN # is missing, this is considered an incomplete application.

If additional space is needed under any award category, please attach a piece of paper with the necessary information listed.

The award is specifically for the individual who submitted the award-winning application. Remaining money from a scholarship may not be shared with another student or received as cash back.

* **\$60/\$40/\$30:** The price of the item(s) may not exceed the amount of the award. Be sure the combined order total does not exceed the award limit for that category. Note (and initial if agree) page 3: "If I am one of the premier scholarship recipients, I understand I may qualify for a premier award: **a programmable robot** (estimate value: \$100.00). I will accept this award in place of the items listed on page 5, WISH list."

Incomplete sections on this page and / or miscalculations may reduce the student's award level placement.