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# S. 3830

To establish the Undergraduate Scholarships for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Program, and for other purposes.

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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

SEPTEMBER 23, 2010

Mrs. GILLIBRAND introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Undergraduate Schol-  
5       arship Awards in Science, Technology, Engineering, or  
6       Mathematics Act” or the “US-STEM Act”.

7       **SEC. 2. SCHOLARSHIPS FOR STEM.**

8       (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director of the National  
9       Science Foundation (referred to in this section as the “Di-  
10      rector”) shall award merit scholarships for study in

1 science, technology, engineering, or mathematics to under-  
2 graduate scholars.

3 (b) SELECTION CRITERIA.—The Director shall deter-  
4 mine selection criteria for awarding scholarships under  
5 this section. The criteria shall include the following re-  
6 quirements for each student:

7 (1) The student shall be from a family whose  
8 taxable income for 2010 did not exceed \$75,000.  
9 Such figure shall be adjusted annually for inflation.

10 (2) The student shall attend a 4-year public or  
11 private, nonprofit institution of higher education.

12 (3) The student shall maintain not less than a  
13 3.0 grade point average, on a scale of a 4.0. If the  
14 school does not grade on a 4.0 scale, the Director  
15 may come up with a comparable rating. If the stu-  
16 dent has borne undue hardship, the school may write  
17 to the Director to explain the student's cir-  
18 cumstances and appeal this criterion.

19 (4) The student shall be a United States citizen  
20 or a lawful permanent resident of the United States.

21 (5) The student shall not have been convicted  
22 of a felony.

23 (c) SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.—The Director shall—

1           (1) award not more than 2,500 scholarships  
2       under this section annually beginning with the  
3       2011–2012 academic year;

4           (2) award scholarships under this section—

5               (A) for a student’s final 2 years of under-  
6       graduate study at the 4-year public or private,  
7       nonprofit institution of higher education; and

8               (B) in an amount equal to the full tuition  
9       and fees at the institution of higher education;

10          (3) give notice to scholarship grantees on or be-  
11       fore April 1st of the year preceding the academic  
12       year for which the scholarship is awarded; and

13          (4) provide the scholarship funds directly to the  
14       institution of higher education at which the student  
15       is enrolled.

16       (d) ADVISORY BOARD.—

17           (1) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall establish  
18       an advisory board for the program established under  
19       this section.

20           (2) DUTIES OF THE BOARD.—The advisory  
21       board shall—

22               (A) assist in determining the selection cri-  
23       teria described under subsection (b); and

24               (B) provide guidance and oversight to the  
25       program established under this section.

1       (e) AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.—There is  
2 authorized to be appropriated to carry out this section—

3           (1) \$30,000,000 for fiscal year 2011;

4           (2) \$60,000,000 for fiscal year 2012;

5           (3) \$61,800,000 for fiscal year 2013;

6           (4) \$63,600,000 for fiscal year 2014; and

7           (5) \$65,500,000 for fiscal year 2015.

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