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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: February 17, 2023
TO: Division Superintendents
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction
SUBJECT: **Virginia Council on Women 12th Annual STEAM-H Essay and Scholarship Contest**

The Virginia Department of Education is pleased to share the opportunity provided by the [Virginia Council on Women's 12th Annual STEAM-H Essay and Scholarship Contest](#). The scholarship contest aims to support the aspirations and goals of Virginia high school females who plan to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, arts, mathematics and healthcare.

The Council has awarded over \$150,000 in scholarships and will award one merit and one need-based scholarship in each of the five geographic regions across the Commonwealth of Virginia this year.

In addition to being a Virginia resident and female high school senior, applicants must plan to attend an institution of higher education and meet the GPA requirements based on merit or need-based submission category, to be eligible. Essay submissions will be judged by members of the Council and members of the STEM-H community. All essay submissions must be received by **March 15, 2023**.

Scholarship recipient winners will be notified **April 28, 2023**. Please visit the [Virginia Council of Women-STEM Contest](#) for more information.

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