

**Words from a II-VI Foundation
Scholarship Winner:**

"I owe a great deal of success to the II-VI Foundation Scholarship. The Foundation scholarship helped to relieve the financial burdens that accompanied my college experience. Therefore, I was able to focus more intently on my studies with fewer worries about funding. In addition to financial help, the II-VI Scholarship also taught me problem solving skills. As an intern at Ritter Technology, LLC, I learned a variety of useful skills, such as technical knowledge, strategies for success, management, and most importantly, the ability to adapt to new situations. My experience with the II-VI Scholarship and my related internship taught me to analyze the effects of my decisions, while applying technical knowledge and a problem solving skill set to issues that I encounter. I was able to learn this and more, because I interacted in an industrial setting, allowing me to get hands-on experience. So, when I entered college, I was able to take the skills I developed in my internship into the classroom, which further enhanced my studies. I am extremely grateful to the II-VI Foundation for their generosity and dedication in providing me a framework that has contributed so much to my development, as well as Ritter Technology for providing me with the internship that allowed me to qualify for the scholarship.

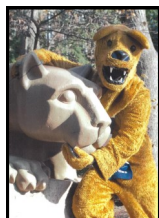


Mimi Overbaugh '15

I wanted to send my deepest appreciation to all of you for the support you have provided over the past three years in the form of the II-VI Foundation Scholarship. The scholarship allowed me to pursue my academics, internships and extra-curricular activities with confidence, and I can't thank you enough for that. I graduated from Penn State this past May with B.S. degrees in both Mechanical Engineering and Nuclear Engineering, with honors in Mechanical Engineering. I also successfully completed my term as the Nittany Lion Mascot. I began my career in July as a Systems Integration Analyst for Accenture in Philadelphia. The internship experiences, academic achievements and leadership pursuits which this Foundation honors have all contributed to my receipt of this position. It is truly an amazing program, awarding students for diligence in the field of engineering, and I am very thankful for all of your support over the past three years. Thank you!



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**Scholarship
Program**



II-VI Foundation

The mission of the II-VI Foundation:
"to encourage and enable students to pursue a career in engineering, science and mathematics while maintaining a standard of excellence in that pursuit."

II-VI FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

The Foundation was established in April 2007 and funded by a substantial charitable gift to undertake the mission of “encouraging and enabling student scholars to pursue an engineering-related, science-related or mathematics-related degree at a post secondary educational institution while maintaining a standard of excellence in that pursuit.” The II-VI Foundation is a charitable private foundation.

The Foundation believes that academic excellence combined with hands-on practical experience in an industrial setting will produce the best results for the next generation of career engineers and scientists. The quality of this next generation of engineers/scientists will have a significant and lasting impact on our nation’s capabilities and success.

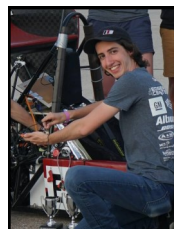


The scholarships are awarded by an independent Selection Committee which makes its decisions on a blind basis. Freshman recipients may be awarded up to a \$5,000 scholarship. Sophomore recipients and above may be awarded up to \$10,000. The total potential scholarship award is \$35,000.

47 students were awarded scholarships for the 2018-2019 school year. Applications came in from across the country to compose a very strong group of scholarship winners. 12% of the 2018-19 awardees maintained a 4.0 GPA. 47% maintained a 3.8 or above and 79% maintained a 3.5 or above. Four scholarships were awarded in Vietnam and nine in China.

What makes the II-VI Foundation Student Scholarship unique?

- ◆ Scholarships are limited to students entering the fields of engineering, mathematics and science (medical sciences, petroleum engineering, architectural engineering and civil engineering are excluded).
- ◆ Students entering their senior year of college and applying for the first time are not eligible.
- ◆ Academic Achievement:
 - ⇒ Students must have and maintain a 3.2 GPA (un-weighted for high school students) to be considered for the scholarship.
 - ⇒ Students applying for their Freshman year must have a minimum SAT score of 1120 or an ACT cumulative score of 25.
- ◆ One very unique aspect of the II-VI Foundation Scholarship is the requirement of nine (9) weeks/360 hours of manufacturing-, engineering- or science-related experience in an industrial setting from October 1st through August 31st of the year in which the candidate applies for the scholarship. This requirement forces the candidates to have hands-on, real-world experiences outside of an academic setting, therefore creating a different perspective from which to view his or her career decisions.
- ◆ Essay Composition
- ◆ Personal Interview
- ◆ No Record of Disciplinary Issues



Applications and further information on the application process can be found on the Foundation website, www.ii-vifoundation.com.

