

SIGNIFICANT AWARDEE DEFINITION AND REQUIREMENTS

Background

One of the specific objectives of the Space Grant Program is to Attract, recruit and train U.S. citizens, especially women, underrepresented minorities, and persons with disabilities, for careers in aerospace science and technology.

The NASA Space Grant Cooperative Agreement Notice indicates that Space Grant Consortia will support FY2020-2024 Office of STEM Engagement Multi-Year Performance Goals and Annual Performance Indicators (APIs). The API that applies to Significant Awardees is as follows:

- **Performance Goal 3.3.3**-Provide opportunities for students to engage with NASA's aeronautics, space, and science people, content, and facilities in support of a diverse future NASA and aerospace industry workforce.
- **Annual Performance Indicator 18-1 (API 18-1)**: Provide significant, direct student awards in higher education to (1) students across all institutional categories and levels (as defined by the U.S. Department of Education); (2) racially or ethnically underrepresented students, (3) women, and (4) persons with disabilities at percentages that meet or exceed the national percentages for these populations, as determined by the most recent, publicly available data from the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

Definition

A **significant award** is a monetary award or experience which includes one or more of the following: (a) has a value of greater than or equal to \$3,000; (b) participation of greater than or equal to 160 hours; and/or (c) through a cost-benefit analysis proves to have significant impact on the student's academic achievement and employment.

Eligibility Requirements

All significant awardees currently must be U.S. Citizens. The OEPM data management system that is used to report significant awardees requires a citizenship attestation. This is required even when there is no direct payment to the student.

Reporting

All significant awardees must be entered into the OEPM system, which requires the information found in the [NYSG Student Information Form](#).