

"I am so glad I participated in the STARS program. It has given me a sense of community with other engineering peers, it taught me to be a better student, and I had fun with it! It was just a great time, in and out of the classroom."

-Jose Ramos, WSU Class of 2018



Support the STARS Program.

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"These are students who are big dreamers. With just a little extra support, they thrive."

- John Schneider, Associate Dean for Undergraduate Programs, WSU Voiland College of Engineering and Architecture.



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REDSHIRT (STARS) PROGRAM

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IN ENGINEERING

What is STARS?

Just as talented athletes use a “redshirt” year to prepare themselves for competing at the highest level, the Washington State Academic RedShirt (STARS) in Engineering Program prepares talented, need-based students for the rigors of four years in an engineering program.



“STARS means a lot to me. It lets me know that I am doing something right and that as long as I keep on furthering my education, more opportunities like this will open up.”

*-Cristopher Cruz
WSU Class of 2018*

“It’s a good bet STARS will help them realize their dreams.”

-The Seattle Times, April 22, 2015

Why STARS?

Business and industry leaders in the state of Washington are clamoring for knowledgeable, skilled, and high-performing engineering and computer science graduates to be a part of their diverse and growing workforce.

Unfortunately, these fields are extremely underrepresented by women, minorities, and those from disadvantaged backgrounds.

The National Science Foundation-supported STARS Program at Washington State University provides additional assistance and learning opportunities for talented, need-based students to help guide them toward earning an engineering or computer science degree.

STARS Offers Students:

- ✦ Specialized curriculum with reserved courses creating a personalized student experience
- ✦ First-year coaching on the study skills and habits needed/necessary to succeed in engineering
- ✦ Comprehensive and individualized academic advising
- ✦ A supportive community of peers, faculty, and staff
- ✦ Access to tutoring and peer mentoring
- ✦ Up to \$2,000 in scholarship support

Apply to STARS: vcea.wsu.edu/stars

Candidates are evaluated on their background, math placement scores, essays, interview, and desire to obtain an engineering degree.

Additional requirements:

- ✦ Incoming WSU freshman
- ✦ US citizen or US permanent legal resident
- ✦ Washington state resident
- ✦ Eligible for the Pell Grant or the State Need Grant (as indicated by the students’ level of financial need)
- ✦ Highly motivated to complete an engineering degree
- ✦ Attendance at a high school where 30 percent or more of the students participate in the free or reduced-price lunch program.