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Congratulations on your accomplishments to date, including your work towards your associate's degree! As a student interested in science, engineering, mathematics, or technology (STEM), I'm writing to let you know about a **John Carroll University** program providing scholarship and other supports for transfer students who show high potential to succeed in STEM, have demonstrated financial need, and have completed two years of college courses

MIRRORS scholars will receive a **\$4,000-7,400 scholarship** for the 2022-2023 academic year. We have multiple scholarships available through this program, and nearly all eligible students have received aid through the grant. **This scholarship is in addition to any other aid offered to you by JCU and is renewable for a second year, based on eligibility.** We know that building bonds among STEM students and faculty promotes success. Therefore, our program includes faculty mentoring, a one-week Summer Bridge Program prior to the start of the academic year (with a \$500 stipend for participation), professional development and leadership training, and paid research opportunities, on a competitive basis.

The power of the MIRRORS program can best be described by the scholars themselves.

- *I have gained a deeper understanding of myself as a student and overall person by participating in the MIRRORS program. I've gained a group of fellow scholars and faculty who share my passion for science and support each other fully. I am grateful to be a part of the MIRRORS program!*
- *I have gained a community of STEM students and professionals that care about me and my education and success.*
- *I have a greater appreciation for the academic community and research in general, even research done in fields other than my own. I feel better prepared to understand research from my field and others. I also feel more at home at JCU because of the program.*

If you are even just curious about this program, let us assess your eligibility. To do so, please:

1. [Start your JCU application.](#)
2. **Submit your college transcripts to JCU:** Our team will work with you to maximize the amount of transfer credit you receive, and students transferring 45 credits or more will have a significantly abbreviated core curriculum to complete (typically ≈15 credits). Official transcripts can be sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admission or via secure electronic delivery (Parchment or the National Student Clearinghouse) via admission@jcu.edu.

3. **Submit your [FAFSA application](#):** This important online application will help us assess your eligibility for this NSF-sponsored program as well as other forms of financial support.

If you have specific questions about the MIRRORS program at JCU, please feel free to contact me at rdrenovsky@jcu.edu or 216.397.4451 or reach out to your Enrollment Manager, Brandon Crites at bcrites@jcu.edu or 216.397.1783.

On behalf of the MIRRORS faculty, staff, and peer mentors, I encourage you to learn more about the program. Please remain in contact with your enrollment manager should you have any additional questions throughout the decision and enrollment process – and do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions related to the MIRRORS program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Rebecca E. Drenovsky', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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