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CLOSEOUT MEMORANDUM

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This matter originated from a proactive review of Scholarships in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (S-STEM) awards to community colleges. Upon review of initial documentation received from one of the institutions¹ receiving S-STEM awards,² it appeared that approximately 51% of the scholarships awarded were to students who did not meet the eligibility requirements for the scholarships.

Subsequent investigation, which included conducting a site-visit to the institution, interviewing relevant program and financial administrators, and reviewing student scholarship files, revealed that all of the students that received the NSF-funded scholarships were, in fact, eligible to receive them. We recommended to the college that it improve the administration of its student scholarship files.

Accordingly, this investigation is closed.

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