

TTAG NEWSLETTER - January 2023



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

2023-2024 TTAG SCHOLARSHIP

About the Marie Curie TTAG Scholarship

Established in the Spring of 2021, the TTAG Scholarship offers Tech Trek Alumnae who are members of the AAUW-SF TTAG up to \$16,000 over 4 years to support their college related expenses as they attend college.

Eligibility & General Rules

- Applicants must be a graduating High School Senior (at a public, private, or charter high school) and must be an active member of AAUW-SF TTAG. TTAG members currently enrolled in college may apply as well.
- Scholarship amount is \$4,000/year and will be disbursed directly to the Applicant upon proof of college enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited 2-year or 4-year college or institution (local, statewide or nationwide).
- Scholarship shall be exclusively used for education and college-related expenses (tuition, laptop, books, school supplies, software, etc.). The TTAG Scholarship Committee reserves the right to request proof of expenses.
- Scholarship is renewable for up to 4 years upon demonstration of successful academic progress (GPA, grades, class completion, etc.).

How to Apply

1. Please fill in the [Application Form](#) and upload (in section 7 of the Application Form) the following pdf documents:

- A 250- to 750-word essay; you can use your Common App essay or create your own. If you use your own, make sure to provide an essay that would inform the TTAG Scholarship Committee of who you are, where you want to go and why.
 - A document with the answer (250 word max.) to 2 of the following Short Questions:
 - Question 1: How have you contributed to TTAG as a member?
 - Question 2: What did you do during your last school break?
 - Question 3: How have you contributed to improving, supporting, or spreading the word on issues related to equity, diversity and inclusion ?
 - You are welcome to include a copy of your Common App, UC or CSU Application, or Application to your preferred college (optional)
 - Your resume or equivalent (list of activities, LinkedIn, website, etc.) if you choose not to attach your Common App
2. Alternatively, email the pdf documents to aauwsfbranch@gmail.com using “TTAG Scholarship Application” in the subject line.
 3. All documents should be received by February 15, 2023 - 11:59 PM PST to be considered

Timeline

Application Due Date: February 15, 2023 - 11:59 PM PST
 Application Review: February 15 - April 12, 2023
 Selection Notification: April 12, 2023
 Release of Funds: by June 30th, 2023

TTAG Announcements

EVENT: Financial Aid Workshop

When: Thursday, January 26 at 7:00 PM

Who: Recommended for ALL TTAG students and PARENTS, particularly if you want to get an early start

What: Overview of Federal and State Financial Aid presented by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). **NOTE:** If you are in 12th grade, then you will need to actually fill a FAFSA by March 2nd. We therefore recommend that you ALSO register and attend a hands-on workshop at [Cash for College Workshop Registration - California Student Aid Commission](#) to help you fill your FAFSA.

Register at:

https://csac-ca-gov.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_vX04h8taRUu1tBo-PQpbFw

EVENT: Essay Writing Workshop



When: Sunday, May 7 at 2:00 PM

Who: 10 and 11th grade TTAG students (particularly 11th graders)

Where: online (link for registration coming soon)

What: A workshop filled with tips and constructive advice, especially geared to 11th graders so they can start reflecting and working on their college application essays during the Summer, taking the time to develop ideas and writing skills.

VOLUNTEER SPOTS FOR TTAG & THEIR PARENTS

When: TTAG events between January and May 2023

Who: TTA and parents of past Tech Trekkers

Where: online and in person events in San Francisco

What: We need volunteers to help with our Tech Trek related events. Tech Trek Alumnae, their parents, and the parents of past Tech Trekkers (even if not officially registered with TTAG) are ideal volunteers to assist with questions from other parents about Tech Trek (from a parent standpoint). If you are interested and enjoy communicating with other parents about your experience, please sign up [HERE](#).

STEM Activities & Opportunities

Girls Who Code Club

When: School Year

Who: Middle and high school students

Where: School

What: Join or start a Girls Who Code Club at your school! You will be part of a large international organization focused on empowering girls to code. It's a great opportunity to learn more about computer science and sisterhood! Check out the link below to start a club!

More information: [Girls Who Code Website](#)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITY: Million Girls Moonshot Flight Crew

When: For eight months during 2023

Who: Middle School and High School students

Where: To be announced per location

What: Girls interested in STEM to become moonshot flight crew members! Moonshot members will participate in youth development and public speaking to experience STEM activities with other girls meanwhile breaking down stereotypes and encouraging their peers.

Extra Info: [Million Girls Flight Crew](#)

Selected students are eligible for a \$1,000 stipend

TTAG AT THE EXPLORATORIUM

The visit of the hands-on science and discovery Exploratorium on Pier 15 was packed with activities. Eight Tech Trek Alumnae, who attended Tech Trek during the summer, Callista, Ellen, Evan, Hailey, Ila, Jessica, Sidney and Wryan participated in the Sunday December 4 visit and were accompanied by AAUW-SF members Mary Renner and Aisha Sawatsly.

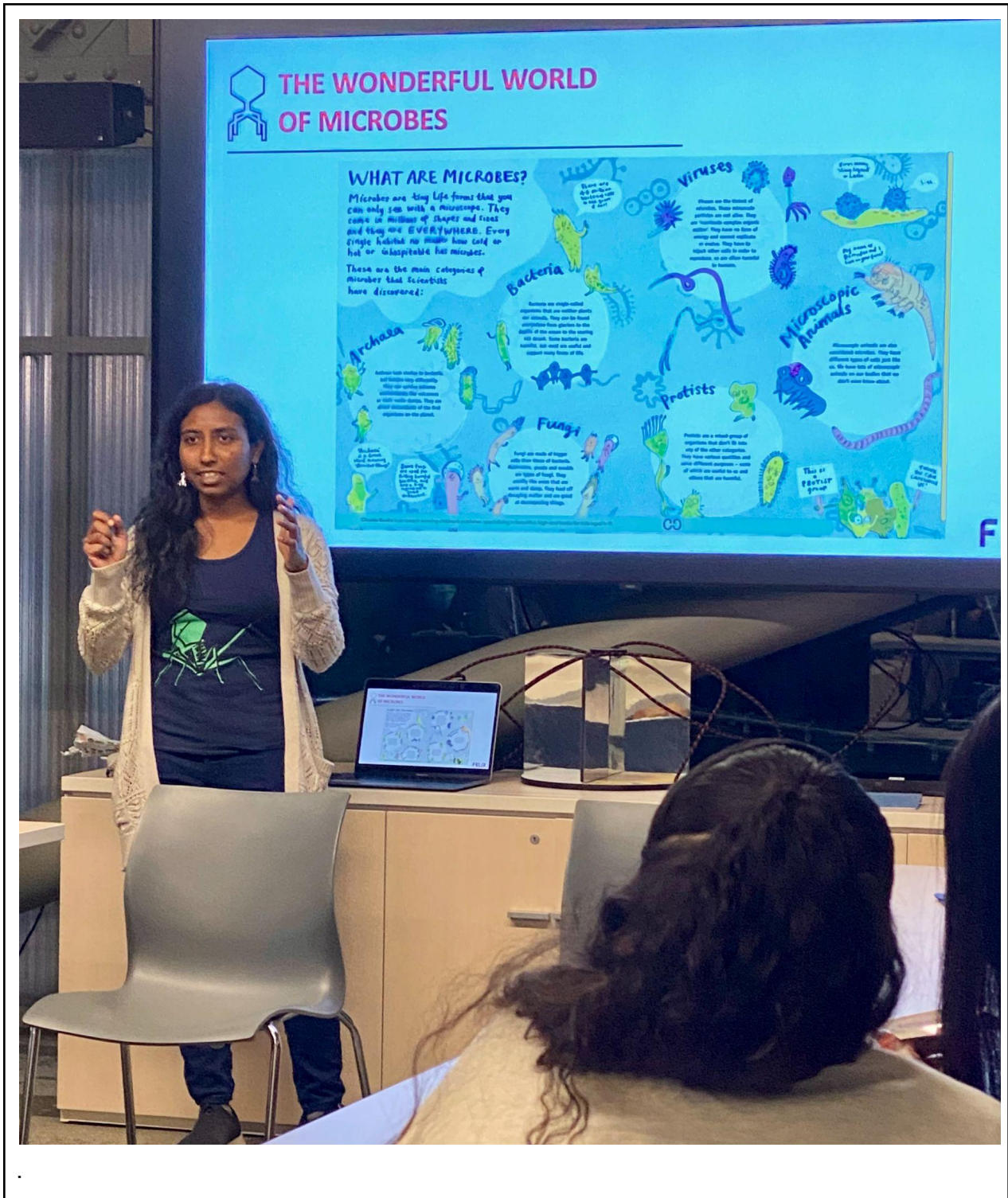
There was a 30 min tour of the Biology Lab led by Staff Educator Hilleary Osheroff, followed by a 30 min tour of the exhibit development shop with engineer Gaia Li. Then the students attended a 40 min lecture with 3 scientists from Felix Biotechnology, a local biotech working on phage biotechnologies, which also included presentations of scientist journeys. Finally a 20 min hands-on activity involving viscous fluids and slo-mo cameras with biophysicist Ailey Crow topped the afternoon program, prior to releasing the participants for a free visit of the museum.

Most students liked the tour of the biology lab the most, and a survey is ongoing to better capture the success of the event. Exploratorium volunteers Felicia Ranelus, Taylor Lacey, Wenshi Tan, and Ailey Crow were around to make all this possible. If you have not filled the survey yet, please click [HERE](#).

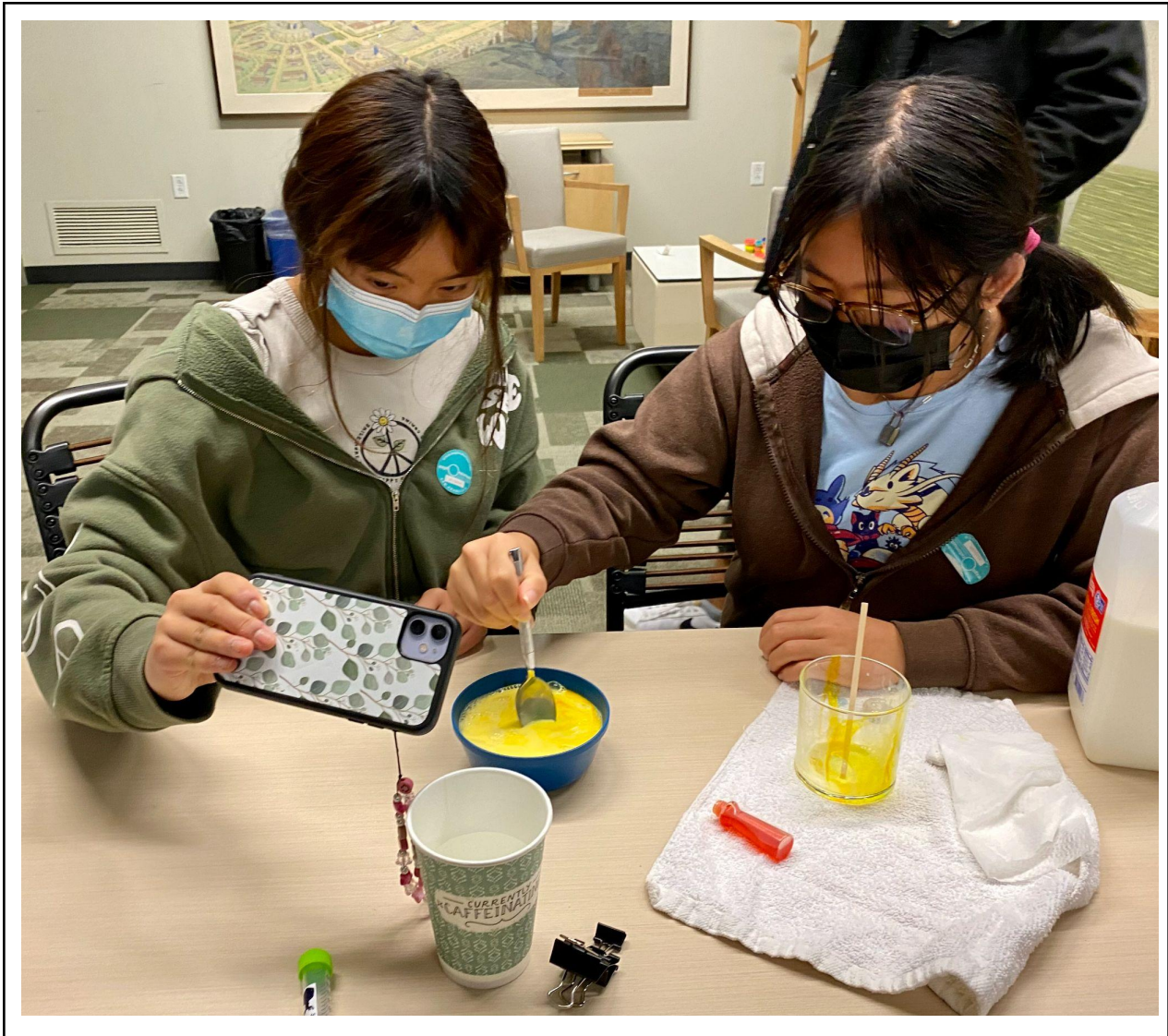
We are grateful to Deirdre Araujo, AAUW-SF past President and Director of Volunteer Engagement at the Exploratorium, for arranging such an exceptional behind the scene visit of this wondrous museum.

Rosaura Valle, TTAG Coordinator - Photo Credits: Deirdre Araujo









IF YOU MISSED PRIOR TTAG EVENTS

The recording of the **How to Find your College Fit** event that took place on October 13, 2022 and the presentation by Brianna Bennett, independent Educational Consultant from Climbing to Success College and Career Consulting, is now available. Please contact us at: rpcvalle@gmail.com to access the link and request a copy.

CONTACT US

It's our goal to bring you workshops, camps, extra-curricular activities, internships, and other exciting opportunities in STEM. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you would

like to share with your TTAG community any cool STEM Ed event taking place at your high school. Want to share info and opportunities or give us feedback?
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