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**SCHEQ Foundation Named Best STEM Diversity & Cancer Health Equity  
Nonprofit in the U.S.**

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The STEMM & Cancer Health Equity (SCHEQ) Foundation has been awarded **Best STEM Diversity & Cancer Health Equity NPO 2025 - USA by Acquisition International**, recognizing its bold efforts to transform disparities in STEMM education and cancer care outcomes for underserved populations.

Founded in 2023 by **Dr. Eugene Manley, Jr.**, a first-generation scholar and cancer research leader, SCHEQ operates at the nexus of education, health equity, and community advocacy. Headquartered in New York City, this Black-led nonprofit provides mentorship, training, infographics, public speaking, patient navigation services, and professional development programs - all aimed at eliminating structural barriers in STEMM and healthcare.

"Our mission is about empowering people with the information, resources, and support they need to pursue the careers and care they deserve," said Dr. Manley. "Health equity is about intentionality - identifying a problem and implementing a targeted solution that improves outcomes for underserved groups."

SCHEQ's signature initiatives include:

- The **Annual Lung Cancer Health Equity Summit**, now entering its third year, which convenes diverse stakeholders to advance actionable solutions in lung cancer.
- A growing portfolio of **health literacy infographics**, tailored to reflect and empower diverse populations.
- **Career coaching and public speaking services** that equip scholars and professionals for leadership in STEMM fields, as well as powerful story telling for community groups around research and clinical trial representation.

Despite facing challenges shared by many nonprofits - including funding limitations and anti-DEI policy backlash - SCHEQ remains steadfast. The organization is expanding its outreach, strengthening donor engagement, and diversifying funding sources to ensure long-term sustainability.

In the coming months, SCHEQ will launch a **STEMM podcast** and a **Cancer Innovation podcast**; increase the visibility of **diverse, culturally relevant health**

**education materials**; and host its **third annual summit** in **Chicago**, themed “Navigating the Lung Cancer Care Continuum.”

This national recognition underscores SCHEQ’s commitment to disrupting inequities and creating a more inclusive future for science, medicine, and healthcare delivery.

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