



**Puget Sound Section of the American Chemical Society
Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Respect (DEIR) Scholarship Application**

Award: \$1,500

Deadline: April 1
Please submit all required parts of the application (except letters of recommendation, which will be sent directly by the recommender) to the current Education Committee Chair (see contact info below). PDFs preferred.

Eligibility: Applicants must be currently enrolled in a college or university in the ACS Puget Sound Section (for a list of colleges in our section, visit our website) with a chemistry curriculum.

This scholarship is specifically for underrepresented minority students in chemistry who identify as one or more of the following: Hispanic/Latinx, Indigenous (American Indian, Alaskan native), Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, African American/Black.

Students must have completed one year of general chemistry and intend to pursue a major in chemistry, chemical engineering, biochemistry, or related field involving a curriculum emphasizing chemistry coursework.

Number: Minimum 1 and maximum 2 scholarships will be awarded

Contact: Jennie Mayer, Education Committee Chair, Puget Sound Section of ACS
jmayer@bellevuecollege.edu



ESSAY QUESTIONS:

In a separate document, please provide a personal statement which responds to all of the four questions listed below. Do not exceed three pages total.

1. Describe your identity, including your race/ethnicity. How have your experiences as a person of color impacted your life, education and career choices?
2. Describe the events (classes, research projects, internships, accomplishments, etc.), experiences, and influential people (family members, teachers, mentors, etc.) that led to your choice of field of study.
3. What is your career vision? Include what you plan to do immediately after college graduation as well as long-term goals. What steps will you take to get there?
4. Describe what volunteer and community activities are available for you in the local community. Have you been able to participate in these activities during the past few years, either as a volunteer or as a participant?
5. Explain how you have subsidized your education so far, and how you plan to fund your education for the upcoming academic year including work, loans, and scholarships.

APPLICATION MATERIALS:

Application form (page 2-3 of this document) must be submitted in the application packet (PDF preferred).

Essay or personal statement (which addresses the four questions at the top of this page) must be submitted in the application packet (PDF preferred).

Unofficial transcript(s) of all of your undergraduate work to date, including community colleges, must be submitted in the application packet (PDF preferred).

Confidential letters of recommendation must be submitted directly by two references. They are to be e-mailed directly to the Education Committee Chair (contact information is on page 1 of this document). The letters must be in PDF format. At least one letter must be from a **chemistry faculty** member from whom you are taking or have taken at least one course. The other letter may be from a professor or supervisor, excluding any relatives. Applications will not be considered complete unless the letters are received. Please remind faculty members to submit the letters as the deadline approaches.

SUBMISSION:

*Your completed application, transcript, and letters of recommendation must be received by the committee chair (jmayer@bellevuecollege.edu) no later than **April 1**. No part of*



the application will be returned. Winners may receive their award at the annual Undergraduate Research Symposium. All students applying are welcome to attend the event, and encouraged to hold the date in case they are selected for the scholarship. (Date will be announced on the [ACS Puget Sound Section's website.](#))