



SoFL-ACS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

The purpose of the SoFL-ACS (South Florida American Chemical Society Local Section) UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD is to encourage the participation of undergraduate students from the SoFL-ACS region at the American Chemical Society (ACS) National Meetings.

The SoFL-ACS executive committee in the August 1995 session unanimously voted to establish the travel award. Awards will be granted, in a competitive basis, to undergraduate students who will deliver a talk or present a poster of their research project or Chem Club activities at the ACS Spring National Meeting.

Awards will be **up to** \$300 per awardee.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The student must be a full-time undergraduate chemistry or biochemistry major attending one of the Community Colleges or Universities in the SoFL-ACS region and working on a research project or participating in an ACS Student Chapter.
2. The student must be an ACS student member.
3. The student must provide a copy of the abstract acceptance of the talk/poster that was received from ACS **and his/hers name appears on the abstract as the presenting author (first name in abstract).**
4. The student has not received the SoFL-ACS Travel Award before.

APPLICATION DEADLINE

The application should be postmarked (or delivered) by **Friday, February 9, 2018.**
NO ON-LINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ACCEPTED.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Eligible students should apply by providing the following documentation:

1. Completed application form (attached).
2. Letter of application including why you want to attend this meeting.
3. Abstract of talk/poster sent to PACS.

4. Copy of the acceptance of abstract from ACS.
5. Evidence of ACS Student membership.
6. Letter of support from research/club advisor.
7. Undergraduate transcripts (unofficial copy accepted).
8. Record of previous attendance/presentations at ACS national meetings.

Note: This travel award will be granted only once.

EVALUATION PROCEDURE

The applications will be evaluated by a subcommittee appointed by the Executive Committee of SoFL-ACS. The applications will be ranked according to the following overall criteria (not in ranking order):

1. Quality of student's overall undergraduate academic work.
2. Quality of paper to be presented.
3. Potential for advancement in the chemistry profession.
4. Previous attendance at ACS national meetings.
5. Strong preference will be given to students who themselves or their research advisors have been involved in SoFL-ACS activities.

NOTIFICATION

Students will be notified, by e-mail, not later than **Friday, February 23, 2018** if they received the travel award and at that time, the treasurer will mail a check to your home address provided in the application. If for any reason, you are not able to attend the meeting, you will be expected to return the money awarded immediately to the SoFL-ACS treasurer

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. The student should **mail (again, no on-line)** a short report describing the experiences obtained at the meeting **within a month** after returning from the meeting. The report should be in 8 1/2 x 11 paper and should include information of workshops/lectures/symposiums/ gatherings attended.
2. Copies of pictures taken at the talk or poster presentation, taped on same size paper as above, must be included in the report.
3. Copy of the program from the session in which the student's paper/poster was presented.

EXTRA REQUIREMENTS:

1. **RECIPIENTS OF SoFL-ACS TRAVEL AWARDS AND THEIR ADVISORS OR CLUB ADVISOR ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND THE SoFL-ACS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AT THE END OF THE SPRING SEMESTER. **This year the awards banquet will be a luncheon at the FIU Biscayne Bay Campus on Saturday, April 21st, 2018.****

2. **THE STUDENT MUST EXHIBIT THEIR POSTER AT THE AWARDS BANQUET. IF ORAL PRESENTATION, THEN A 3-5 MINUTE ORAL REPORT WILL BE EXPECTED AT THE BANQUET.**

If either 1 or 2 above are not performed, the students in that research/club program will not qualify for the next year travel award.

Mail or deliver applications to:

Ms. Zaida C. Morales-Martinez
13239 S.W. 85th Terrace
Miami, Florida 33183-4154
305-386-3206

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APPLICATION

Name _____
 First **Middle** **Last**

Address (where check will be mailed):

Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Name of Community College or University attending

Total number of credits approved _____ **GPA** _____

Total number of chemistry credits approved _____ **GPA** _____

Research/club advisor's name _____

Research/club advisor e-mail address _____