

Rubric for Chemistry Undergraduate Scholarships

- A. **Quality of the Letter of Support** 4 points (*letters will be accepted from a graduate student mentor, post-doc mentor, teaching assistant/specialist, internship supervisor, staff or faculty member*)
- Contains a clear expression of a student's goals and how the award will support them in the endeavor
 - Recommender provides context for recommendation (i.e. length of time and capacity in which they knew the student)
 - Discusses citizenship in courses, research, department and/or on campus
 - Summer awards should speak to research goals and the potential impact on the research group or Chemistry department
 - Length maximum: 2 pages, single spaced
- B. **Quality of the Student Statement of Interest** 4 points
- Discusses the impact of the award on future plans (e.g., doing undergraduate research, attending graduate or medical school, teaching at the high school or college level, working in industry, etc.)
 - Highlights participation in chemistry organizations or outreach programs, especially those that are STEM-related
 - Discusses volunteering opportunities and/or citizenship on the campus
 - Discusses any professionally relevant experiences (studies or research elsewhere, summer jobs, tutoring, etc.)
 - Describes how the student has explored diverse opportunities in coursework and/or experiences in undergraduate research (names of supervisor(s), dates, lists any publications/presentations)
 - For summer research scholarship applicants: discusses their proposed research question, the skills that will be acquired, and how summer research may foster their development of a scientist
 - Length maximum: 2 pages, double spaced
- C. **GPA** 4 points (*minimum of 2.5 is recommended*)
- This is a numerical score based on a 4 point scale.
- D. **Financial Need** 4 points
- The following will be considered:
- Managing significant work and/or family burdens
 - Debt reflected on the FAFSA
 - Challenging circumstances highlighted in the letter that are not necessarily reflected on the FAFSA