

I. Rubric

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. Major GPA?

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
- Participation in other programs such as Bucky's Tuition Promise or Odyssey Project

Additional notes:

*Financial need will be weighted for funds restricted to students demonstrating need or facing obstacles that are barriers to excelling academically.