



SoFL-ACS GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARD

GENERAL INFORMATION AND INSTRUCTIONS

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

The SoFL-ACS executive committee in the February 1997 session unanimously voted to establish the travel award. Awards will be granted, on a competitive basis, to graduate students who will deliver a talk or present a poster of their research project at the ACS National Meeting.

Awards will be up to \$300 per awardee.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Must be a full-time graduate chemistry or biochemistry student enrolled in a graduate program (MS or PhD) attending one of the universities in the SoFL-ACS region.
2. The student must provide proof that he/she is a current ACS member.
3. The student must provide proof that the abstract for the talk/poster was accepted for presentation at an ACS National Meeting **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 must be **MAILED** (or delivered) by **Friday, January 29, 2016**.

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. Copy of abstract accepted of talk or poster submitted to PACS.
4. Evidence of ACS membership or recent application for membership.

5. Letter of support from research advisor.
6. Graduate transcripts (unofficial copy accepted).
7. 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 criteria (not in ranking order):

1. Quality of student's overall graduate 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 advisor have been involved in SoFL-ACS activities.

NOTIFICATION

Students will be notified, by e-mail **by Friday, February 12, 2016** if they received the travel award and at that time, the treasurer will mail a check before the meeting. 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

The student should mail or deliver (**again, not 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 the experiences obtained at the meeting, workshops/lectures/symposiums/ gatherings attended.

1. Copies of pictures taken at the talk or poster presentation should be included. These should be taped on same size paper as above.
2. 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 ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND THE SoFL-ACS ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET AT THE END OF THE SPRING SEMESTER.**
- 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. (We will let you know the date as soon as it is picked).**

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) application to:
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