

The 2009 Overcoming Challenges Award

The Women Chemists Committee (WCC) of the American Chemical Society is pleased to announce a call for applications for the 2009 Overcoming Challenges Award. This award is designed to recognize a woman undergraduate from a two-year or four-year institution for her efforts in overcoming hardship to achieve success in chemistry. The recipient of the Overcoming Challenges Award will receive a plaque, a monetary award of \$250, and a \$1,000 travel stipend for expenses to attend the Fall 2009 ACS National Meeting where she will be recognized at the WCC Luncheon.

Criteria

Applicant must:

- be a woman undergraduate currently enrolled in a two-year chemistry related program or pursuing a major or minor in a four-year chemistry program at a school that does not grant a doctorate in chemistry;
- have completed one semester of college-level chemistry;
- demonstrate that she has overcome hardships (economic, personal, or academic) in pursuit of her education.

The selection committee will consider four categories: improvement, initiative, successes, and grades from the previous two semesters (not cumulative grade point average).

Application Requirements

Applicant must submit:

- A letter requesting the award. The request should contain applicant's name, address, telephone number, and email address, as well as an explanation of the hardships that have been overcome and current successes;
- One letter of recommendation;
- School transcripts.

Submissions should be sent to: diversity@acs.org. Applications must be received by **May 1, 2009**. The award will be presented at the Fall 2009 ACS National Meeting in Washington, DC at the Women Chemists Committee Luncheon.

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