



October 24, 2011

Dear Members of the Selection Committee:

It is with great pleasure that I write to you concerning Hollyn McCarty who is applying for the 2012 Student Leadership Award.

Hollyn is a current junior at Ouachita Baptist University double majoring in chemistry and biology. She plans to graduate in May, 2013. Hollyn was recently elected vice-president of our Student Chapter and will assume the duties of president next year. She will represent our chapter at the upcoming ACS national meeting in San Diego as well as the meeting during Spring 2013.

Hollyn was a student in my second-semester General Chemistry course her freshman year and my Advanced Chemical Calculations course last semester. She easily earned A's both semesters and currently possesses a 4.0 GPA. She was awarded the Freshman Chemistry Award at the end of the General Chemistry course. She is currently enrolled in my Physical Chemistry course this semester, and I also serve as her academic advisor. Hollyn also serves the Chemistry Department as an academic tutor. Because my courses are focused on in-class group learning, I am able to witness Hollyn's remarkable leadership ability as she interacts with her peers. No matter who she works with, Hollyn is able to communicate her ideas effectively. She is never bothered by the fact that someone does not understand and requires additional explanation. She never assumes she has all the right answers, but is willing to listen to other opinions. She already possess many of the qualities of outstanding leaders: organized, patient, persistence, practical, good listener, and always looking for a challenge.

Hollyn plans to attend medical school upon completion of her undergraduate degree requirements. I have no doubt that she will be successful in gaining admittance and will be an outstanding physician. The opportunity to participate in this ACS Leadership Institute will enable Hollyn to continue to develop as a professional. It will also be extremely beneficial to our Student Chapter as we continue to develop on recent years of strong leadership and success. Please give her full consideration. If you need additional information from me, do not hesitate to ask.

Sincerely,

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Nell I. Mondy Chair and Professor of Chemistry

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DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

# 2012 Student Leadership Awards Application Form

Please complete all fields and e-mail this form to [undergrad@acs.org](mailto:undergrad@acs.org) (include "2012 Leadership Awards" in the subject line) or FAX to 202-872-8068. All paid student members who have completed at least one year of undergraduate studies in the chemical sciences and have held elective office in an active student chapter are eligible to apply. Preference will be given to sophomores and juniors.

**All applications must be received by October 26, 2011**

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8. Faculty Advisor Marty Perry  
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9. ACS Student  
Member Number: 30228649

10. Expected  
Graduation Date: May 2013

\_\_Hollyn McCarty\_\_\_\_\_  
Applicant Signature Date

\_\_Marty Perry\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Faculty Advisor Signature

Date

To Whom It May Concern:

Being a student at Ouachita Baptist University opens up many opportunities to be a leader and serve others simultaneously. I am a chemistry and biology major who hopes to one day become a physician, and I am currently the vice president of the OBU ACS student chapter. I have also served as a "Welcome to Ouachita's World" student leader and a member of the Tiger Network Leadership team. In each of these roles I have been given the opportunity to encourage others to become more involved in campus events as well as helping to coordinate events. My opportunities to further my leadership skills have been aided by my involvement in Tri Chi Women's Social Club, Alpha Chi University Honor Society, Ouachita Baptist University Judicial Council, and Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society as well. In Tri Chi, I was recently granted the honor of being selected for the budget and finance committee that coordinates events in order to raise money for the various philanthropies in which the club is involved. I have also been able to utilize characteristics such as organization, time-management, and dedication through my involvement in such organizations. However, in all of the leadership roles I have had the privilege to hold in my life, I have found that one of the most important attributes of a leader is the ability to encourage others to perform to their greatest ability and apply their skills in such a way that not only builds the confidence of the individual, but helps fulfill the original goal of the organization in a unified, positive, and successful manner.

Although I have been given opportunities to use various leadership skills, I hope to be able to improve upon other characteristics in the future. One of the main

skills I hope to further develop in the future is communication with individuals and the community as a whole. Knowing how to communicate effectively is not only an important leadership skill, it is important to be able to convey ideas and information in every available career. Furthermore, being able to develop my communication skills would allow me to further promote the ACS student chapter in which I am a member. I feel that being able to communicate effectively with the Arkadelphia community in which Ouachita Baptist University resides as well as with other students on campus would allow not only for greater involvement in the ACS chapter but also with the promotion of the importance of chemistry in our society today. Chemistry provides the basis for the medical and pharmaceutical communities, nutrition, cosmetics, and many other areas. As chemistry is such a vital aspect in our lives, we must educate and encourage those around us, especially the youth, in order to ensure that the advancements made in chemistry continue through future generations.

Sincerely,

Hollyn McCarty

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#### Leadership Experience

- American Chemistry Society Student Chapter Vice President
- Recipient of the Tiger Network Leadership Award
- Recipient of the Arkansas Governor's Distinguished Scholar Award
- Member of the Judicial Council for the covenant on academic honor
- Welcome to Ouachita's World Student Leader
- Member of Tri Chi Women's Social Club
- Member of Alpha Chi University Honor Society
- Member of Tri-Beta Biology Honor Society

#### Volunteer Experience

- Special Olympics Student Volunteer
- Sulfur River Waterfowl Hunting Instructor for Young Hunters
- 2 year Tiger Serve Day Student Volunteer
- Welcome to Ouachita's World Student Volunteer

#### Employer

- Wadley Regional Medical Center
  - Electrocardiogram Technician

#### Academics

- Current GPA : 4.0
- Pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry and Biology at Ouachita Baptist University