

2012 Student Leadership Awards Application Form

Please complete all fields and e-mail this form to 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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Applicant Signature

10/24/11
Date


Faculty Advisor Signature

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ACS Leadership Conference

Throughout my time at Northeastern University, I have had amazing opportunities to be in exciting leadership positions. During my sophomore year I was elected the secretary of the University's student ACS chapter. After one semester in that position, I was elected the chapter president for Spring 2011. Now that I am a third year student, I have been re-elected as the president for the entire 2011-12 academic year.

In addition to the position I hold within NUSAACS (Northeastern University Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society), I am currently working to establish a student organization to represent the entire College of Science. This student organization's mission is to develop a group that would involve all science majors in campus and city-wide activities. Once this organization is fully established, I will be the NUSAACS representative within this group. I have also recently become the Northeastern University representative for the Northeastern Section Young Chemist Committee (NSYCC).

From my numerous leadership roles on campus, I have also held leadership roles through my employment, including being promoted to a senior sales role at a bakery at only 16-years old. In this role, I was responsible for training staff as well as helping to manage the store financially. This experience taught me how to be a leader in a non-academic atmosphere, as well as how to be responsible for employees older than me.

These positions have provided me with a variety of skills and abilities that I did not have prior to accepting these leadership roles. The largest change I have seen in myself during this time is my ability to handle conflict. There are many times in which members of the executive board of NUSAACS have not agreed with each other's ideas, or a misunderstanding has arisen. In these situations, the most important step towards resolution is to ensure that there is an open channel of communication through which everyone is able to work toward a solution.

Another trait of being a leader I have gained throughout my years in leadership positions is an increased ability to delegate tasks. One adjustment that was hard for me to make when I became president of NUSAACS was that I no longer could do everything myself. I realized that the other officers in the organization have vital roles as well, and can take on just as much responsibility as I have. I had to learn to put trust in my officers and allow them to develop their organizational skills. This was accomplished by making them responsible for specific tasks so that they could reach their full potential as group members. By learning to trust the executive board members and giving them more responsibility, it gave me time to focus more on the specific activities: including the planning of future goals of the organization. I believe that learning to delegate authority by putting trust in my team and developing effective communication skills are two of the strongest leadership qualities I have acquired during my time as a leader.

Although I have worked on developing these skills I realize that there is still so much more to learn to be an effective leader. I know that I can still continue to develop these traits, as well as improve my organizational skills. One area that I would particularly like to work on is achieving that balance of how much responsibility to delegate, relative to the projects and activities that the organization is working on. Along with this I need to work on determining how much input I should be directly involved in.

Another leadership skill that I would like to advance is collaboration with other student organizations. I would like NUSAACS to partake in activities not only held by our club alone, but also in conjunction with others. I feel that as the president of this organization it is my responsibility to discuss these opportunities with other leaders at Northeastern, as well as the greater Boston area. By meeting the leaders of other ACS chapters and learning from their experiences I feel I could gain more insight on effective collaboration.

Upon returning to NUSAACS, I would share with the other members of the executive board what I learned at the conference. Sharing this information should help them focus on what they can accomplish to become better leaders. I would share this in hopes that they will learn some of the traits and lessons that I have been exposed to during the conference. Also, I would like to make a presentation to the club as a whole. This presentation would be important because I hope that it would inspire other members of the organization to take up leadership positions.

The ACS leadership conference would be extremely influential to me as a leader. This conference would not only help me to advance my leadership ability within NUSAACS, but also to the university as a whole. I would be able to meet other student leaders in hopes of gaining connections that would provide each of us with the opportunity to partake in events that interest our members. Finally, I believe that I would be able to bring back valuable skills to the other members and leaders of my organization. The ACS leadership conference could help me in a myriad of ways, and I look forward to the opportunity of attending.

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Education

Northeastern University, Boston, MA

September 2009 - Present

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Chemistry

GPA: 3.693

Minor in Criminal Justice

Dean's List through Spring 2011

Anticipated: May 2014

Activities: President of the Northeastern University Student Affiliates of the American Chemical Society,
Northeastern University representative for the Northeast Section of the Young Chemist Committee

Courses: General Chemistry for Chemistry Majors 1 & 2, Organic Chemistry for Chemistry Majors 1 & 2,
Bioanalytical Chemistry with lab, Calculus and Differential Equations for Life Sciences 1 & 2,
Physics for Life Sciences 1 & 2, Forensic Chemistry

Special Skills

-Chromatography: TLC and column

-Distillation

-Titration experience

-Re-crystallization

-Pipetting skills

-Microsoft Office

-Exposed to analyzing NMR, IR, and MS

-First-aid skills

Professional Experience

Novartis Pharmaceuticals

Biotransformation Co-op, Cambridge, MA

July 2011 – Present

-Metabolic pathway identification

-Incubation experience

-Micropipette skills

-Troubleshooting research skills

Northeastern University Chemistry Department

Peer Tutor, Boston, MA

September 2010- Present

-Tutored students of varying university levels in General Chemistry 1 and 2.

Lab Assistant, Boston, MA

September 2010-December 2010

-Assumed the responsibility of cleaning glassware

-Organizing student materials

-Mixing stock solutions

Office Assistant, Boston, MA

September 2009-May 2011

-Maintained office organization

-Basic HTML coding for department website

-Photocopying

Great Harvest Bread Company

Senior Retail Sales Associate, Newtown, PA

September 2007 – Seasonal 2011

-Performed opening and closing procedures

-Maintained a clean workplace

-Assisted in a variety of tasks associated with bread production

-Helped with tax operations

Volunteer Experience

Rebuilding Together, Boston, MA

April 2010

Helped to refurbish a house in Dorchester, MA by painting, cleaning, and performing yard work.



Northeastern University

College of Science

October 20, 2011

American Chemical Society
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Dear Committee:

It is my pleasure to recommend Ms. Christine Dunne for the 2012 American Chemical Society Leadership Award. I have worked with Christine for the last three years at Northeastern University. She immediately became a member of the student chapter of ACS here and was involved right away. In her first year she ran for, and was elected to the position of Secretary for her sophomore year. When the President had to leave her position in the second half of the year 2010-2011 school year, Christine was excited to run and lead the chapter. She was elected President for the remainder of that term and again for the 2011-2012 school year. She recently took over a leadership role in the College of Science Student Association, which brings together all academic groups in the College of Science.

Christine has wonderful ideas that she has been implementing. I know that she has been leading the chapter very well, but I believe she would benefit from learning more about what other chapters are doing. She would also do well with a little more information regarding what makes a good leader and how to hone her current skills.

Please let me know if you would like any further information regarding Christine's qualifications or application for this award. I can be reached at the contact information below.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Keefe", written in a cursive style.

Jordan Keefe
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