

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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10. Expected Graduation Date:	May 2014

Sarah Bednar

Applicant Signature

10/25/11

Date

Hannah Tims

Faculty Advisor Signature

10/25/11

Date

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October 26th 2011

American Chemical Society
Nancy Bakowski
1155 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20036

Dear Ms. Nancy Bakowski:

I am writing to apply for the 2012 Student Leadership Award. I would like to receive this award because it will enable me to strengthen my leadership and management skills. I first heard about this award through an e-mail I received from the American Chemical Society. Currently, I am a Sophomore Biochemistry Major at Messiah College, and the President of Messiah College's Student Affiliate Chapter of the American Chemical Society. I would like to receive this award to have the unique privilege of participating in the 2012 ACS Leadership Institute.

I have actively been involved in leadership positions since the beginning of high school. In high school, I was the President of three different organizations and clubs. In college, I have continued my pursuit of leadership. I am the President of the Messiah College Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society. Within this role, I am responsible to manage and oversee all aspects of the club. Additionally, I am the Treasurer of Messiah College's Medical Awareness Society. Recently, I began an American Red Cross Club in order to make unique medically related service opportunities readily available to Messiah students. Also, I occasionally hold several other collegiate leadership roles. For example, I periodically lead off-campus student service trips.

The leadership roles I have held have enriched my life with important skills. First, the many responsibilities that leadership entails has allowed me to learn how to manage my time responsibly. I have also learned how to delegate excessive workloads. When I first experienced a leadership role, I tended to attempt to handle all responsibilities on my own. Through experiences in such roles, I learned to delegate responsibilities to others in an assertive, yet agreeable manner. Additionally, my involvement with the American Chemical Society Student Affiliate Chapter has taught me how to motivate others. When I first joined the club, the club only possessed eight relatively uninvolved members. One year later, the club has twenty-eight active members. I have learned how to encourage my peers and provoke their participation. I have no doubt these abilities will prove quite valuable in my lifetime.

While I have grown in leadership experiences, I still desire to improve my leadership skills. I would like to learn how to be more creative and innovative in my leadership. I would like to establish new ideas and activities for the organizations I lead, especially the ACS Student Affiliates Chapter. Additionally, I would like to better my communication and networking abilities within these roles. Participation in the 2012 ACS Leadership Institute would help me establish these important leadership qualities.

The skills that I would acquire through the 2012 ACS Leadership Institute would enable me to strengthen the Messiah College Student Affiliates Chapter of the American Chemical Society. Better communication, networking, and advertising skills in conjunction with fresh and exciting activity ideas provided by the training of the Leadership Institute would allow me to reinvent the Messiah College "Chemistry Club". I strongly desire to make Messiah College's Chemistry Club a very active and energetic force on Messiah's campus. I would like to spread awareness of the Chemistry Club's activities beyond the boundaries of the Science Departments to many other parts of campus. I would like to make the Student Affiliate Chapter a dynamic presence at Messiah College that appeals to a vast array of students, not just Chemistry majors. With the help of the 2012 ACS Student Leadership Award, I can infuse my passion for leadership and involvement into many other students throughout the Messiah College campus.

As requested, I have uploaded a copy of my résumé to this application. I strongly desire to cultivate and nurture my leadership skills, especially through the American Chemical Society. I can be reached for further discussion on my cell phone at (570) 778-8196 or by email sb1414@messiah.edu. Thank you for considering my application.

Sincerely,

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OBJECTIVE:

To utilize my previous leadership experiences to obtain the 2012 Student Leadership Award

EDUCATION:

Bachelor of Science—Biochemistry, will graduate May 2014

Messiah College, Grantham PA

4.0 major GPA on a 4.0 scale, 3.96 cumulative GPA on a 4.0 scale

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES:

President, American Chemical Society Student Affiliates Chapter President

Messiah College, September 2010-Present

- Demonstrate leadership by running club meetings
- Display leadership by organizing, supervising, and participating in all club activities
- Demonstrate superior leadership by facilitating club growth from 8 members (in September 2010) to 28 members (September 2011)

President, American Red Cross Club, Messiah College

Grantham PA April 2011-Present

- Exhibit leadership by running club meetings, and organizing and facilitating all activities
- Displayed leadership by founding club in response to service-learning interests of student body

Treasurer, Medical Awareness Society

Messiah College, September 2010-Present

- Demonstrate leadership by managing all club revenue and expenses and creating and managing club's yearly budgets
- Display leadership by planning and organizing club activities

Emergency Department Volunteer

Pinnacle Health Harrisburg Hospital, Harrisburg PA, November 2010-Present

- Demonstrate leadership as Patient Escort and Registration Assistant in Emergency Room by assisting patients and families with various needs during times of need

HOSTS Program

Messiah College Admissions Department September 2010-Present

- Demonstrate leadership by hosting prospective students overnight
- Exhibit leadership by providing informative campus tours to prospective students and family members

Volunteer Coordinator, American Red Cross

American Red Cross of the Greater Lehigh Valley, Fall 2008-Present

- Demonstrate leadership by staffing all community blood drives with volunteers
- Exhibit leadership by coordinating all organizing all community fundraisers
- Display leadership by facilitating formation, commencement, and maintenance of a community Lunch Program for underprivileged children



DEPARTMENT OF
CHEMISTRY AND BIOCHEMISTRY

Dear American Chemical Society Review Committee,

October 25, 2011

I am happy to write to you on behalf of Sarah Bednar and to enthusiastically recommend her for the upcoming ACS Leadership Institute. I have had the pleasure of working with Sarah during her first two years at Messiah College. I am both her academic advisor and I had Sarah in my General Chemistry class last year. In addition to her impressive academic performance, Sarah is very active with various student organizations. I have worked with Sarah as the faculty advisor for the American Chemical Society student affiliates group on campus (Chemistry Club), and I know that she also works with the Red Cross student group in addition to her volunteer work at the local retirement village and the local hospital.

In her first year of college, Sarah excelled academically at Messiah, but she impressed me much more with the number of additional things she is involved in while maintaining excellence in the classroom. Through our interactions in the ACS chemistry club, I noticed very quickly and Sarah is quick to volunteer her services to the group. On several occasions, after volunteering to do something for the group, I have received the follow up e-mail with her well-researched information the next day. In an environment full of undergraduate students who procrastinate to no end, it is very refreshing to work with Sarah who is responsible, and very efficient and thoughtful. Her leadership skills are also visible by other students; at the end of last year she was elected to be the president of the Chemistry Club this year. As president, she has proven her organization skills, and ability to work with others.

Sarah has also impressed me in the classroom with excellent class participation, timely and well-done assignments, and excellent test scores. I think that she will make an ideal candidate participant in this program, as a student who is bright, motivated, organized, and excited to learn more. In addition to all of this, Sarah is a fun student to work with. For all of these reasons, I wholeheartedly recommend Sarah Bednar; I think that it would be an invaluable experience for her to join the leadership institute with the ACS.

Hannah S. Tims, PhD

Assistant Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry
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