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Dear faculty member, guidance counselor or school administrator:

We are pleased to announce that the American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholars Program is receiving applications for the 2008-2009 academic year. The ACS Scholars Program is currently in its thirteenth year of funding authorization by the Society's Board of Directors.

The scholarship is designed to encourage the best and the brightest African-American, Hispanic, and Native American students to pursue undergraduate college degrees in the chemical sciences. The goal of this scholarship program is to promote diversity in the chemical sciences by aiding in building an awareness of college students in these minority groups of the value and rewards associated with careers in science and to assist these students in acquiring skills and credentials needed for success in these areas.

- To date the American Chemical Society has awarded over \$10.3 million in scholarships to more than 1880 deserving undergraduates and has an 80% retention rate..
- The program identifies mentors for our Scholars.
- As of this calendar year 36 of our program graduates have obtained a Ph.D. and another 156 are confirmed to be enrolled in Ph.D. programs. More than 300 are enrolled in or have completed a Masters Degree program.
- Our graduates are employed by Procter & Gamble, DuPont, Xerox, 3M, Johnson & Johnson, Kimberly Clarke, ExxonMobil, Merck Pharmaceuticals, and many other top corporations.
- Others have become faculty members at universities or are teaching chemical science at the high school level.

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program will award approximately 100 scholarships to undergraduate students interested in four-year degrees in the chemical sciences; those interested in transferring from two-year colleges to four-year colleges to pursue chemical science degrees; and to two-year students intending to pursue degrees in chemical technology. High school seniors who will be entering college are also eligible. The scholarship is valued at up to **\$2500** per academic year for freshmen, and up to **\$3000** per academic year for sophomores, and up to **\$5000** per academic year for juniors and seniors..

Our Web Site (www.acs.org/scholars) contains additional information about the program and provides access to our on-line application form as well as downloadable application documents.

A number of corporations and other organizations have joined with the ACS to co-sponsor students in this scholarship program. A student selected to be the recipient of a corporate award may have the added opportunity for a summer internship. Mentoring is considered essential for students in the chemical sciences and the Society offers mentoring support.

We would like to thank you in advance for your interest in this program. If you have any questions about the application process, please call 1-800-227-5558 (ext. 6250) or send an email to scholars@acs.org.

Sincerely,

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