

## Dr. Nodie M. Washington Chemistry Scholarship

### General Information

#### Eligibility

Each applicant for this scholarship must be a full-time non-graduating chemistry major enrolled at Southern University in Baton Rouge. The minimum cumulative GPA for this scholarship is a 3.0 on a 4.00 scale (ACT 22+, Incoming first year students). The recipient for this scholarship will be selected based on academic merit, community/university service, two letters of recommendation, and a personal essay. Further information about criteria used for selection can be found under “**Selection Criteria**” below.

#### Selection Criteria

For selection purposes, application and requested materials (letters of recommendation and essay) submitted by applicants will be evaluated and ranked by a committee of chemistry faculty based on the following four criteria below:

##### A) Academic Merit

The applicant must be a full time non-graduating chemistry major and must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0 or above or ACT of 22 or higher (Incoming first year students). The student must also demonstrate other evidence of high academic performance (academic awards, honor society membership, participation in conferences on local, regional, and national levels, research involvement, internships, publications, etc.).

##### B) University/Community Service

The applicant must also demonstrate evidence of community and/or university service. University service includes being an active participant in extracurricular activities and being an active member and/or holding leadership positions in student organizations at Southern University. Community service includes volunteering and being involved and active in outreach programs/services that strongly benefit others in Baton Rouge and/or in their respective communities. **Note: Do not use what you did as a requirement for your Community Volunteerism course(s) as evidence of community/university service.**

##### C) Letters of Recommendation

The applicant must provide two letters of recommendation in the application for this scholarship. Letters of recommendation must provide specific and well-documented details about the student’s academic record, leadership, and character. Each letter of recommendation must also be on official letterhead with name, signature, and contact information of the recommender.

#### D) Personal Essay

The applicant must write a 750-word essay for consideration for this scholarship. The personal essay must answer the following below:

- (a) Why you chose to attend Southern University and why you are a chemistry major?
- (b) Why did you decide to pursue a college education?
- (c) What are your future career goals and how does being a chemistry major contribute to them?
- (d) Why you feel that you are a good candidate for this scholarship?

#### **Application Procedure & Time Period**

Interested applicants may apply by completing and submitting the [application](#) and other requested materials (letters of recommendation, resume, and personal essay) for this award by May 31<sup>st</sup>. After the review of application and materials, the selected recipient for the scholarship will be notified via email. The recipient will also be notified via email and/or in written formal letter stating the requirements for maintaining the scholarship.

#### **Amount of Award**

The award for this scholarship will be \$2,250.00 for the academic year. This award will be given in two equal installments: \$1,125.00 at the beginning of the Fall semester and \$1,125.00 at the beginning of the Spring semester upon completion of requirements.