

March 21, 2018

TO: HIGH SCHOOL CHEMISTRY TEACHERS
FROM: ACS HIGH SCHOOL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
RE: 2018 SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

The Chicago Section of the American Chemical Society is sponsoring the 2018 Scholarship Examination. High school students in the Chicago area who are presently enrolled in the first year of high school level chemistry are eligible. A.P. Chemistry is not considered a first year high school chemistry course. The exam will be held at **North Central College, Science Center, 131 S. Brainard St.**, Naperville, Illinois 60540 on **Saturday, May 19th, 2018** from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The Metra train arrives 4 blocks from the college. The schedule can be found at <https://www.metra.com/maps-schedules/train-lines/BNSF>.

The exam will be presented in two parts; the first part will be multiple choice and one hour long while the second part will be a problem solving exam that is seventy-five minutes in length. It will consist of questions and problems representative of a one-year high school chemistry course. There will be a break between exam periods. A calculator may be used during each part of the exam. A calculator and periodic table will be provided at the exam. All calculators must be returned at the end of the exam. Instances of dishonesty will warrant immediate disqualification from the exam competition plus referral to the appropriate high school principal. All tests and exam related material must be handed directly to the exam proctor upon completion. All exams will be graded as soon as possible.

Additional test materials can be found at: <http://chicagoacs.org/content.php?page=Scholarships>

To register student(s) for the Scholarship Exam:

1. Go to <http://chicagoacs.org/content.php?page=Scholarships>, click on the nominations form link, and enter the requested information.
2. Obtain a copy of the most recent **official transcript** (stamped by school registrar) and **official schedule** (showing the nominating chemistry teacher's name) for each student.
3. **Mail official transcript(s) and official schedule(s) to:**

2018 Scholarship Exam
Chicago Section ACS
1400 Renaissance Drive, Suite 312
Park Ridge, IL 60068
847-391-9091

We cannot accept registrations via email.

All forms must be received at the ACS office by Friday May 4, 2018.
We suggest sending forms by delivery confirmation.



RULES FOR PARTICIPATION IN THE SCHOLARSHIP EXAM

1. A teacher may nominate only **two students** who are currently enrolled in his/her course during the **current school year**.
2. The most recent high school **OFFICIAL transcript** that includes the current semester showing the chemistry course now in progress (which must be the first course in chemistry) **MUST** be sent along with the student nomination form. In addition, an **OFFICIAL copy** of each **student's schedule**, indicating the chemistry teacher's name must be sent. Official transcripts must be stamped by the school registrar's office.
3. The nominations must be received no later than **Friday, May 4, 2018**. Admission cards and directions will be emailed to teachers after May 5th. Please distribute this information to your nominated students.
4. Each student must have a **valid high school ID** at check-in/registration. No exceptions will be made. Yearbooks, birth certificates, etc. are **NOT** valid forms of identification.
5. The decisions of the ACS Scholarship Committee in interpreting these rules and in selecting winners will be final.
6. The top five students will earn monetary awards. The exact amounts have yet to be determined. In addition, the **Marshall S. Smoler Award** will be given to the highest placing Chicago Public High School student (given by his sister Rachel Smoler), and the **Marie Ann Lishka Memorial Scholarship Award** will be given to the highest scoring female high school student.
7. The listed prizes will be awarded in the form of payment of tuition and fees at a college or University of the winner's choice provided that (a) he/she is accepted at the school; (b) the school meets the requirements for professional training in chemistry as outlined by the American Chemical Society; (c) the winner enrolls in one course in chemistry during his or her freshman year. Any prize money in excess of tuition, fees, and books for the first year of study may be used for living expenses.
8. Each teacher of a nominee(s) of the first five awards will receive \$100. If more than one teacher's name is on the nomination card the \$100 will be shared by both teachers.
9. All winners and their teachers are invited as guests and are expected to attend the Education Night meeting of the Chicago Section ACS for presentation of the awards/tuition certificates.

Please copy this letter and/or pass it on to your colleagues who may not have received this mailing. For more information, call the Chicago Section, ACS office at (847) 391-9091.

Sincerely,



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ACS High School Education Committee