

PORTLAND SECTION

American Chemical Society

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CHEMISTRY AWARDS

The Named Chemistry Awards for the Portland Section honor the founders and leaders of the Portland Section. Harold Zeh and Richard VanSanten were also major benefactors to the Section's scholarship fund. These awards are meant to help chemistry majors* finance their senior years in college. They will be awarded to students who completed their last year of secondary education in the state of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, or Alaska while their parent(s) or guardian were residents of that state. The students must be enrolled in a college or university located in the Portland Section area. Nominees must be chemistry or biochemistry majors who will graduate the following year and intend to pursue a career in chemistry, chemical engineering, or a chemistry-related science. The Chemistry Faculty at each college or university will nominate one candidate (plus a second, provided at least one of them is an underrepresented minority, defined as ethnic and racial minorities; first-generation college students; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender students; and students with disabilities) is to be by the Chemistry Faculty. The nomination will consist of:

- 1) Transcript(s) (unofficial copies are acceptable) of all college work and a completed [Academic Summary Sheet](#).
- 2) A statement (no more than 2 pages, double-spaced) by the student giving his/her reasons for choosing a career in chemistry, their experiences to date and an outline of their plans in chemistry.
- 3) A 200-word statement by the student describing a challenge that they had to overcome.
- 4) A maximum of two letters of recommendation, one of which must be from a chemistry faculty member at the applicant's institution.

The Awards Committee of the Portland Section will review the records of the nominees and make a recommendation to the Executive Committee for final selection. The academic merit of the candidate will be a prime consideration. Overcoming adverse circumstances while still doing well in college courses is an aspect of academic merit. The section aims to choose at least one underrepresented winner each year, on average. The award winners will be honored at a Spring meeting of the section. The amount of the award may vary each year according to the finances of the Section. Recently these have consisted of a \$3000 award plus \$1000 towards travel to a national ACS meeting.

* Pre-medical and other similar pre-health career students are not eligible for the award.