

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### SUPPORT AWARDS FOR FIRST-GENERATION UNDERGRADUATE COLLEGE STUDENT MEMBERS OF ASB

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: 17 Feb 2018

The ASB Committee on Human Diversity is pleased to announce that funds are available to partially defray the expenses of undergraduate first generation college students that will attend the Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina (March 28- 31, 2017).

<http://www.sebiologists.org/asb-2018.html> The awards are meant to defray the cost of student registration, student membership, travel and lodging costs associated with the 2018 ASB Meeting. It is unlikely that total award will exceed \$200 and the awards will be disbursed at the meeting. Recipients must be members of ASB. See the ASB web site for membership application or renewal forms. <http://www.sebiologists.org/membership/>

The guidelines for the award application are as follows:

- (a) The recipient is a current member of ASB.
- b) The recipient must present at the Annual Meeting, failure to attend will result in forfeiture of the award.
- (c) The recipient must be currently enrolled as an undergraduate student at a US college or university
- (d) The recipient must be a first generation college student, meaning that neither parent has received a four-year college degree.
- (d) Student travel awards are granted on a competitive basis. Students *presenting* in regular ASB poster or paper sessions or Tri-Beta (Undergraduate Biology Honor Society) sessions will receive award preference.
- (e) Your **Application** and **Letter of Support** must be submitted as MS Word or PDF file(s). The file names should start with the applicant's last name underscore first name. (e.g. Jones\_Crystal\_Application.docx; Jones\_Crystal\_LetterOfSupport.docx )
- (f) Your **Application** should include
  - 1) Include your Full Name; Institutional Address (including department); *Academic email address*; Academic Status (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior); and Major.
  - 2) If you plan to give a poster or paper at the ASB meeting please provide the title and any co-authors.
  - 3) Your application should consist of a 200 word essay describing your experience in undergraduate research.
- (g) A **Letter of Support** should be solicited from an academic mentor (a professor that knows you well or works with you on undergraduate research) from your college or university confirming your first

generation college-undergraduate status, a statement of financial need of the student attendee, and commentary on the student work that will be presented, if applicable.

(h) Upload the **Application**, and the **Letter of Support** to:

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/ShpATvObS6gnkPclNebt>

Questions regarding the applications and file handling should be directed to Alfredo J. León:

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Applicants will be notified of the decision of the ASB Committee on Human Diversity as soon as is practical via email. Recipients of the award will pick up their checks at the ASB table at the meeting.

## Quick Facts About the Association of Southeastern Biologists Meeting

**Website:** for updated information about the meeting:

<http://www.sebiologists.org/asb-2018.html>

**Where:** Sheraton Myrtle Beach Convention Center Hotel,  
2101 N. Oak Street, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577

**When:** March 28- 31, 2018.

(Most presentations will be given March 29-30 Thur. and Fri.)



**Cost:** Student ASB Member Early Registration \$136 (+ Student ASB Annual Membership \$50)

### Online Abstract Submission for Oral and Poster Presentations:

Deadline Jan. 24, 2018

**Lodging:** Check website for lodging options but lodging must be arranged individually.

**Who:** ASB is a welcoming Biology Meeting that is a great venue for undergraduate or graduate students to present oral and poster presentations. ASB is large regional meeting that hosts the regional BBB meeting, and Southern Appalachian Botanical Society meeting, among others, with hundreds of presentations covering *all aspects* of biology with great networking opportunities for graduate school.

