

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

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

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: 12 Feb 2020

The ASB Committee on Human Diversity is pleased to announce that funds are available to partially defray the travel expenses of undergraduate first generation college students that will attend the Association of Southeastern Biologists Annual Meeting in Jacksonville, FL (March 25-28, 2020) (<http://www.sebiologists.org/asb-2020.html>). The awards are meant to defray the cost of student registration, student membership, travel and lodging associated with attending the 2020 ASB Meeting. It is unlikely that the total award amount will exceed \$200 and the awards will be disbursed at the meeting as a check. 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 be given priority.
- (e) Your **Application** package 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) Full Name; Institutional Address (including department); *Academic email address*; Academic Status (Freshman, Sophomore, Junior, or Senior); and Major.
  - 2) If you plan to present your work at the ASB meeting please provide the title, abstract, and co-author information.
  - 3) A 200 word essay describing your experience in undergraduate research.
  - 4) 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.

(g) Once you have all of your materials ready, email your **Application materials** (including the **Letter of Support**) to Dr. Veronica A. Segarra: [vsegarra@highpoint.edu](mailto:vsegarra@highpoint.edu).

Questions regarding the applications and file handling should be directed to Dr. Veronica A. Segarra: [vsegarra@highpoint.edu](mailto:vsegarra@highpoint.edu).

Applicants will be notified of the decision of the ASB Committee on Human Diversity by March 15, 2019 via email. Recipients of the award will pick up their checks at the ASB table at the meeting.

