

## Call for Nominations

### The Dr. Lafayette Frederick Underrepresented Minorities Scholarship Award

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT: 10 Feb 2021

Dr. Lafayette Frederick's' underrepresented minorities scholarship award (**up to \$1,200**) to defray the costs of ASB annual registration, membership, and attendance at the conference.

As part of its mission, the Committee on Human Diversity of the Association of Southeastern Biologists (ASB) promotes diversity and inclusivity within ASB and the biological sciences professions. To help in the fulfillment of this goal, it has established the **Lafayette Frederick Underrepresented Minorities Scholarship Award**. The annual scholarship award will support the attendance and participation at the annual ASB meeting by an outstanding undergraduate student belonging to a group traditionally underrepresented in the sciences. These groups include students of African American (native or non-native), Hispanic, Native North American, Asian (including Southeast Asians, and Pacific Island) descent, as well as students with disabilities. The scholarship (up to \$1200) will be disbursed at the time of the meeting and will cover the attendee's ASB annual registration, membership, and attendance at the conference. Moreover, the awardee will be connected to a mentor working in the biological sciences field.

Each applicant must fulfill all the requirements listed below:

- Minimum of a 2.7 GPA on a 4.0 scale
- Major in a Natural Sciences field
- Belong to one of the following underrepresented groups in STEM: Black or African American (native or non-native), Hispanic, Native American heritage, or Asian, including Southeast Asians and Pacific Islanders as well as students with disabilities.

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 )

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 500 word personal statement describing why you are a good candidate for this award.
- 4) Two **Letters of Support** from faculty members, at least one such letter should be from a faculty member in the Natural Sciences.

Once you have all of your materials ready, email your **Application materials** (including the **Letters of Support**) to Dr. Valarie Burnett: [Valarie.burnett@newberry.edu](mailto:Valarie.burnett@newberry.edu). Please use the subject line: ASB Frederick URM Award\_your last name (e.g. ASB Frederick URM Award\_Jones).

Questions regarding the applications and file handling should be directed to Dr. Valarie Burnett: [Valarie.burnett@newberry.edu](mailto:Valarie.burnett@newberry.edu).

The **deadline for receipt of applications is February 10, 2021.**

