

The SCC Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship Sponsored by MARY KAY



PROGRAM DETAILS

The Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship, generously sponsored by Mary Kay, signifies SCC's support of under-represented minorities pursuing higher education in STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) in disciplines related to the cosmetics and personal care industry.

Madam C. J. Walker (born Sarah Breedlove; 1867-1919) was an American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist. She is regarded as the first female self-made millionaire in America. Walker made her fortune by developing and marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for black women through the business she founded, Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company. She became known also for her philanthropy and activism.

Two (2) scholarships, in the amount of \$5,000 USD each (sponsored by Mary Kay), will be awarded to two (2) under-represented minorities (Black/African American, Native/American Indian, and Latinx/Hispanic American) pursuing an undergraduate or post-graduate Degree in chemical, physical, medical, pharmaceutical, biological or related sciences and technology. In addition to the scholarships, SCC will provide each awardee with a \$250 travel voucher, one (1) night's accommodation, and a complimentary full access registration to attend the SCC 75th Annual Meeting & Showcase, December 14-15, 2021 to be presented with the scholarship at the Awards Breakfast.

About Mary Kay

One of the original glass ceiling breakers, Mary Kay Ash founded her beauty company more than 56 years ago with three goals: develop rewarding opportunities for women, offer irresistible products, and make the world a better place. That dream has blossomed into a multibillion-dollar company with millions of independent sales force members in nearly 40 countries. Mary Kay is dedicated to investing in the science behind beauty and manufacturing cutting-edge skin care, color cosmetics, nutritional supplements and fragrances.

Mary Kay is committed to empowering women and their families by partnering with organizations from around the world, focusing on supporting cancer research, protecting survivors from domestic abuse, beautifying our communities, and encouraging children to follow their dreams. Mary Kay Ash's original vision continues to shine—one lipstick at a time. Learn more at [MaryKay.com](https://www.MaryKay.com).

*"What the mind can conceive
and the heart believe, that you
can achieve."*

Mary Kay Ash
Founder
Mary Kay

About SCC

Founded in 1945 and celebrating its 75th Anniversary in 2020, the SCC is the oldest and largest non-profit membership organization serving the cosmetics and personal care industry. Dedicated to the advancement of cosmetic science, SCC headquarters provides unparalleled education, resources, and networking for 6,000 members globally and via 19 chapters across Greater North America. Visit www.sconline.org for more information.

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SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM RULES

Applicants must be currently enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate program at an accredited college or university in the United States or Canada.

Applicants must be an under-represented minority defined as Black/African American, Native/American Indian, or Latinx/Hispanic American.

Applicants must prepare a 1-2 page cover letter describing their accomplishments, career goals, and why they are deserving of the scholarship.

An official current school transcript, including grade point average, must be included with each application.

Two (2) letters of recommendation must be included with the application; special consideration shall be given to recommendation letters from current SCC members.

Scholarship awardees will each receive:

- one (1) \$250 travel voucher to offset travel to NYC
- one (1) night complimentary accommodation at the host hotel (valued at \$300)
- one (1) complimentary full access registration to attend the SCC 75th Annual Meeting & Showcase, December 14-15, 2021 (valued at \$300)
- complimentary access to the Awards Breakfast on December 15th at the Sheraton NY Times Square to receive the scholarship award

Scholarship funds will be paid directly to the awardee's educational institution and must be applied toward costs of tuition, research, books or other expenses appropriate to their undergraduate or graduate studies at the discretion of their academic advisor.

Scholarship awardees will be chosen by the Madam Walker Scholarship Selection Committee on the basis of academic achievement, related work and/or volunteer experience (if applicable), academic honors/service awards, association activities (if applicable), and professional goals. The Selection Committee is comprised of five (5) persons appointed by President who are SCC members, Mary Kay representative(s), and others as appropriate. The Selection Committee reserves the right to verify the accuracy of any information received or obtained related to a particular applicant. The Committee's decision is final.

Applicants will be notified of the Selection Committee's decision on or about September 15, 2021. Scholarship funds will be available for disbursement October 1, 2021.

Each scholarship awardee must be prepared to verify use of scholarship funds in accordance with the Scholarship Program Rules.

The Madam CJ Walker Scholarship is a one-time, non-renewable scholarship. Awardees are excluded from applying for scholarship funds in subsequent years.

Applications must be submitted by email in PDF format to info@scconline.org, and must be received by May 1, 2021. Please include a valid email address. You will receive an email confirming receipt of your application.

SCHOLARSHIP CHECKLIST

Below is a checklist of information needed to submit a complete Application. Your application shall be considered incomplete if all documents are not received by the Selection Committee by the official deadline of May 1, 2021.

- Application:** A completed application form with all required information, including:
 - Educational Background:** A list of relevant information, in chronological order, with most current data first. Include the name(s) of the institution(s), highest degree(s) attained, and years of attendance.
 - Work or Volunteer Experience:** A short description of your work and/or volunteer experience.
 - Academic Achievements, Honors/Awards:** A list of relevant academic and/or service awards.
 - Association Activities:** A list that includes the national and/or local association name(s), date(s) of membership, and any office(s) held and/or committee(s) served on.

- Official Transcript:** An official copy of your current transcript from your education institution, with grade point average, must be sent to info@scconline.org or to SCC, Attn: Madam Walker Scholarship Selection Committee, 14 Wall Street, Suite 1620, New York, NY 10005.

- Cover Letter:** A 1-2 page statement on why you believe you are deserving of the scholarship and the impact you feel you may have on the profession. Please address your career goals, career development plan, and commitment to the cosmetics and personal care industry.

- Letters of Recommendation:** Provide two (2) letters of recommendation from separate sources which include the individual reference's mailing address, telephone number, and e-mail address. It is preferred, but not required, that one of the letters of reference be from a current member of the Society of Cosmetic Chemists.