

COLLEGE PLANNING

Chemistry Scholarships Available

(NAPSA)—African-American, Hispanic/Latino, and American Indian students are among those who can now apply for a scholarship from the American Chemical Society (ACS) Scholars Program. The program is open to high school seniors and college freshmen, sophomores and juniors.

The program awards renewable scholarships of up to \$5,000 to underrepresented minority students who want to enter the fields of chemistry or chemistry related fields, such as environmental science, toxicology and biochemistry. The program also aims to help build awareness of the value and rewards associated with careers in chemistry and assist students in acquiring skills and credentials needed for success.

Applications—available online at www.acs.org/scholars or by sending an e-mail to scholars@acs.org—will be accepted through March 1, 2009, for the 2009-2010 school year. Students must plan to major in or already be majoring in chemistry, biochemistry, chemical engineering or a chemically-related science, and they must plan to pursue a career in the chemical sciences. Scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000, depending on college level and economic need.

The ACS Scholars Program won the Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring in 2001. Since its inception, the ACS Scholars Program has awarded more than \$10.8 million to more than 1,990 students, based on a mix of academic achievement and financial need. Through the support of the program's partners and donors, the Society expects to award approximately \$1 million during the 2009-2010 academic year to both new and continuing scholars.

To date, 95 percent of the stu-



With the help of a renewable scholarship, many minority students are able to pursue their dreams of studying chemistry.

dents accepted into the ACS scholars program have received an undergraduate degree, 80 percent in a chemical science. In addition, about 400 scholars have continued on to pursue a graduate degree. More than 150 have been accepted into a Ph.D. program and more than 40 scholars have already received a Ph.D.

“We need many talented chemical scientists to help find new cures for disease, new energy sources and new ways to feed a hungry world,” according to Scholars manager Robert Hughes, who notes there are many diverse job opportunities for chemistry graduates.

The American Chemical Society Scholars Program was established in 1995 to attract African-American, Hispanic and American Indian students considered underrepresented in the chemical sciences by the National Science Foundation to pursue careers in the field.

For additional details and a paper application form, call (800) 227-5558 ext. 6250, send an e-mail to scholars@acs.org or visit www.acs.org/scholars.