

## Marion B. Sewer Distinguished Scholarship for Undergraduates

The Marion B. Sewer Distinguished Scholarship for Undergraduates is named in honor of Prof. Marion Sewer, professor of pharmacology at the University of California, San Diego, and former deputy chair of the ASBMB Minority Affairs Committee. Sewer was a role model for students at all stages and was deeply committed to service within the scientific community.

The Marion B. Sewer Distinguished Scholarship for Undergraduates offers financial support to students who demonstrate an interest in the fields of biochemistry and molecular biology and enhance the diversity of science. Students whose social, educational or economic background adds to the diversity of the biomedical workforce or who show commitment to enhancing academic success of underrepresented students are eligible.

### Scholarship award information

- The scholarship will provide up to \$2000 of financial support for one academic year. The scholarship must be used toward undergraduate tuition fees and will be administered in the fall and/or spring semesters following award notification.
- Applications by individuals from underrepresented groups are encouraged, although all qualified applicants will be considered without regard to race, gender, color, ethnicity or national origin.
- Up to five scholarships will be awarded in each application cycle.
- Contingent upon the availability of funding, the ASBMB Minority Affairs Committee may invite scholarship recipients to apply for an additional scholarship in subsequent semesters/years.

### Eligibility

Applicants for the Marion B. Sewer Distinguished Scholarship for Undergraduates must:

- Be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national or permanent resident at the time of application. Students with DACA status also are eligible. Foreign nationals who are in the U.S. on a visa are not eligible.
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a full-time student at an accredited two- or four-year institution located in the U.S. or U.S. territories.
- Have completed a minimum of 60 credit hours (or equivalent).
- Have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher on a 4.0-point scale.
- Be a member of the ASBMB.

*Note:* Undergraduates can join the ASBMB either directly or by joining an ASBMB Student Chapter at a participating institution. (For more information visit:

<http://www.asbmb.org/membertypes/>)

Examples of ways that students may enhance the diversity of science are listed on the scholarship website: <http://www.asbmb.org/MinorityAffairs/UndergraduateScholarship/>

**To apply:**

Each applicant should prepare the following documents in PDF format:

- Academic transcript
- Statement of research experience and career goals (*two pages maximum*)
- Statement on significant educational, social, cultural or economic barriers faced by the applicant in pursuit of their education. Please include a detailed description of the barrier(s) as well as any unique insights, perspectives or skills gained while tackling such challenge(s) (*two pages maximum*).
- Statement demonstrating the applicant's commitment to diversity in the past and their plan to increase diversity on campus and in the scientific community as a whole. For example, the applicant is encouraged to describe personal experiences, contributions and accomplishments that demonstrate their commitment to improving educational opportunities and/or quality of life for diverse groups (*two pages maximum*).

Applicants should submit the above documents via the award website:

<http://www.asbmb.org/MinorityAffairs/UndergraduateScholarship/>

The deadline for applications is **Friday, June 1, 2018**.

Any questions about the Marion B. Sewer Distinguished Scholarship for Undergraduates should be sent to [education@asbmb.org](mailto:education@asbmb.org)