

## High School Chemistry Club Affiliate Grant Application Orange County ACS Local Section

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## **ACS-Sponsored High School Chemistry Clubs**

The American Chemical Society has, for many years, co-sponsored chemistry clubs on college campuses that encouraged the study of chemistry, participation in chemistry activities, and helped to instill a commitment to chemistry as a profession in college students. At long last, the national ACS has agreed that high school students deserve a similar level of interest and commitment.

The Orange County section wants to encourage high school students and their teachers to participate in chemistry activities to further interest in science, science education, and to enhance student's knowledge about chemistry. Teachers who are members of ACS, or affiliates of the local section, and who sponsor a chemistry club on their campus may apply for a \$50 grant to help promote and encourage their activities and facilitate their association with the national ACS High School Chemistry Clubs.

The mission of the ACS-Sponsored High School Chemistry Clubs is to invite, motivate and encourage high school students who are fascinated by the many ways that chemistry connects to their world. With the assistance of the ACS, these clubs are designed to provide fun, authentic, and hands-on opportunities for its members to:

- \$ experience chemistry beyond what is taught in the classroom,
- \$ learn about study and career opportunities in the many and varied fields of chemistry, and
- \$ provide service for the betterment of their communities.

Each Chemistry Club will be different, based on the needs, interests and demographics of the school in which it resides. However, because getting started and continuing can be difficult, the ACS Education Division, through the Office of High School Chemistry provides some resources for each ACS-Sponsored High School Chemistry Club. Each club receives a start-up handbook. This handbook includes a charter application, sample bylaws, information about ACS-sponsored activities such as "Chemists Celebrate Earth Day" and National Chemistry Week, ideas for service-learning activities, protocol for inviting speakers, safety documents and fun laboratory investigations. Also provided are documents such as "How to Organize Your High School Chemistry Club" and "Steps to Establishing Your High School Chemistry Club." The handbook also includes information on undergraduate study in chemistry, careers in chemistry, and contact information for both Student Affiliates Chapters and Local Sections.

Subsequent mailings go out to each club during the year. These include information about new activities, current ACS activities and other information of interest. We also encourage joint events between local SAACS Chapters and ACS-sponsored high school chemistry clubs.

ACS is now collecting names and addresses for 2006-2007 participants. Interested teachers should email their contact information to Terri M. Taylor, Manager, Office of High School Chemistry at <a href="mailto:t\_taylor@acs.org">t\_taylor@acs.org</a>. She will put your club on the roster and you will begin receiving information during the summer of 2006. There is no cost for the materials. Teachers may also contact Ms. Taylor with questions. Note that information on the high school clubs has not yet appeared on the ACS website as this program is still in its pilot phase and will be until early 2008.

## Mail your grant application to:

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