Outstanding Student Chapter Award Essay

The Outstanding Student Chapter Award recognizes an ACCP student chapter that has demonstrated strength in leadership, dedication to excellence in patient care, and a passion for professional development through its activities.

The chapter's activities should be consistent with ACCP's core values of extending the frontiers of clinical pharmacy and promoting dedication to excellence in patient care, research, and education. The chapter should also demonstrate the ability to work collaboratively within the health care environment by working with other health disciplines on events that involve patient care, research, or education.

Instructions

Using the evaluation criteria listed below, write an essay detailing your chapter's activities and achievements over the course of the past academic calendar year.

Please list the name of your school/college of pharmacy at the top of the document and organize your essay into sections using the six evaluation criteria as your section headers. The essay can be a total of up to 5 pages in length, single or double spaced, and use an 11 point font in one of the following font types: Arial, Calibri, or Helvetica. Once completed, please PDF your file and email it by June 30 to membership@accp.com.

For additional information on chapter awards, please refer to the ACCP Student Chapter Guide.

Evaluation Criteria

- **Dedication to Excellence in Patient Care:** This criterion stresses the need for chapters to become involved in an innovative patient care activity. Each chapter should highlight the nature and number of these events and include information on the number of patients served. This criterion is focused on experiential learning and providing optimal, clinically focused patient care. Additional consideration will be given to chapters that provide these services in a medically underserved community to enhance the core values of outreach and to underscore the ability of clinical pharmacists to expand access to medical care.

- **Clinical Research:** Chapters should highlight any students who have engaged in research with one or more faculty mentors; presented at one or more local, state, or national meetings; and/or contributed in other ways to the advancement of pharmacy practice through research endeavors.

- **Education:** Chapters should highlight efforts to advance clinical pharmacy education. Consideration will be given to the chapters whose members coordinate or serve as teaching assistants, discussion group leaders, or tutors. In addition, consideration will be given to chapters that organize educational programming or other learning opportunities for their members or their institution at large.

- **Advocacy:** Advocacy is an important way for student chapters to meet ACCP's core value of expanding the frontiers of clinical pharmacy. Advocacy events are an integral factor in engaging students and educating them on key issues affecting the profession. Chapters should highlight advocacy events and include information explaining said activity's relevance to advancing the issues facing clinical pharmacy today.

- **Interprofessionalism:** A key component of all the above core values is the clinical pharmacist's ability to work collaboratively within the health care environment. Each chapter must demonstrate its ability to work with other health disciplines. Chapters must work with at least two other disciplines in health care (either two separate events with one discipline or one large event with many disciplines) during the year. Events may involve patient care, research, education, or advocacy endeavors. Chapters must explain the events in detail, including the participants, number of patients served (as applicable), contributions from the other disciplines, and net impact of the collaboration on the overall event. This event must be executed and led by the chapter, not the college of pharmacy.

- **Use of Awards Fund Rationale:** Each chapter is required to submit a rationale statement (250 words or less) outlining the plan for using the $1000 award funds, should said chapter be selected as the winner.

Award

An announcement will be featured on the ACCP Web site, and an article highlighting the winning chapter's accomplishments will be published in StuNews and the ACCP Report. A commemorative plaque and $1000 cash will be awarded to the winning chapter. The faculty liaison/advisor and one appointed student liaison from the winning chapter will receive complimentary full Annual Meeting registrations, and each will receive a $250 travel stipend to attend. The Student Chapter Award Committee will review all applications, and the winner will be notified by mid-August.