Bob Gay Cytotechnology/Cytology Student Scholarship

Description: The Bob Gay Cytotechnology/Cytology scholarship was founded by Kim Kowalczik, Bob's daughter. Bob Gay was dedicated to supporting and advocating for the field of cytology. He was a founding year member of the ASCT and played an integral role in establishing the ASCT Foundation. Bob served in several leadership capacities for the ASCT including a term as a regional director from 1996-2000 and as president from 2000-2001. Bob also served on the ASCT Services, Inc. Board as treasurer from 1998-1999 and again from 2004-2007. Beginning 2018, the scholarship has been awarded to **two** cytotechnology/cytology students annually. The award will be $1250.00 per student plus sponsorship (travel and accommodations) for both students to the upcoming ASCT annual conference where the scholarships will be awarded.

Eligibility Criteria: The following criteria are used to select the scholarship recipients:

- The recipient must be a member of the American Society for Cytology (ASCT) at the time of application (student membership is complimentary).
- The recipient must currently be enrolled in good standing in an accredited school of Cytotechnology/Cytology in the United States.
- *The recipient must have an overall GPA of at least 3.0, including pre-requisite courses, determined by officially sealed transcript from cytotechnology/ cytology program, official eTranscript or email from an instructor or program director of Cytotechnology/Cytology with an official school transcript.
- Scholarship will be open to certificate, bachelors, and graduate degree seeking students.
- A student that is the recipient of the scholarship is not eligible to apply again.

*If the cytotechnology/cytology program the student is enrolled in does not generate course grades until completion of the program, the director must submit the course average earned by the student for the time that s(h)e has been enrolled.

Application Materials and Selection Criteria

- Completed Bob Gay Cytotechnology/Cytology Scholarship Application Form.

- Official Transcript from the Cytotechnology/Cytology Program and Official Undergraduate Transcript(s) as well (this component represents 15% of the final score).

- Letter of Recommendation (this component represents 20% of the final score).
    - From an instructor or program director of Cytotechnology/Cytology attesting to the student's academic ability and professional attributes that would indicate this person is committed to and can make a positive contribution to the field of Cytology.

- Written essay (500-word limit, Times New Roman, 12 point, Double spaced) Highlighting the following points (this component represents 35% of the final score):
    - Reasons for applicant's career choice.
    - Description of the applicant's leadership activities as well as plans to continue active participation in the profession.
    - A discussion of the applicant's short- and long-range professional goals.
    - Participation in professional organizations, and interest in public health, service-oriented activities, etc. should be included if applicable.
    - Description of why the applicant believes s(h)e merits receipt of the award.
    - **Description of the applicant's need for financial assistance including past and present employment and how s(h)e financed her/his education.**

- Student Resume (this component represents 30% of the final score).
    - One page, Times New Roman, 12-point font, consistent format (spacing, grammar, spelling) throughout.
    - List any honors/awards received and service activities (professional organizations, college/university, community).

Submission Deadline: All scholarship materials (application form, transcripts, letter of recommendation, essay, resume) must be received by **e-mail** no later than **Monday, February 1, 2027.**

- Send to: Laila Perez, at ASCT Services, Inc.
- laila.perez@asctservices.com

Notification of Recipient: Notification of the recipient of the scholarship will be no later than Monday, March 1, 2027.

- Rejection notification by email
- Acceptance notification by written document-letter

Expectations of Recipient: The recipient is **required** to attend the upcoming Annual ASCT Conference to accept the award in person.

- Conference registration will be sponsored by the ASCT Foundation
- Travel with accommodations will be provided by ASCT Services, Inc.