

Applying for a Distinguished Scientist Scholars (DSS) Award

All current students concentrating in biology, chemistry, computer science, mathematics or physics are eligible to apply for a Distinguished Scientist Scholars Award. These awards are given to exceptional students who have distinguished themselves academically in one of the disciplines in the SM&C division. The exact amount of each award is determined by the Financial Aid office, on average \$5000 for each academic year, and includes the opportunity to apply for a summer research stipend. Please direct any questions to Professor Lauren Rose, Chair of the Division of Science, Mathematics, and Computing.

- **Eligibility**

To apply for a DSS award (commencing in the fall), a student must meet the following eligibility criteria:

1. Concentrating in one of the programs in the SM&C Division (Biology, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics or Physics).
2. Not currently receiving a DSS award.
3. Cumulative GPA of 3.0 overall in the college.
4. Cumulative GPA of 3.5 in courses in the SM&C Division.

- **Application Procedure**

1. Write a letter of request to the DSS Committee. The letter should discuss your plan of study in the SM&C Division.
2. Write an essay about an experience in science that you found particularly interesting.
3. Submit this information as attachments via e-mail to the SM&C Division secretary, Megan Karcher (karcher@bard.edu)
4. Ask two Bard faculty members to write you letters of recommendation for the DSS. At least one of these faculty members must be in the SM&C Division. They should submit their letters directly to Megan Karcher.
5. Note: There is no need to submit transcripts.

- **Selection Criteria**

DSS awards will be granted to students showing exceptional qualifications in their areas of study and based upon the following:

1. College and high school records.
2. Recommendations from the faculty.
3. A strong interest in working in one of the disciplines in the division.
4. Availability of funds.

- **Deadline**

Applications (letter of request and essay) must be submitted no later than **Monday, April 7th**.

The DSS Committee will meet shortly after that, and will make recommendations to the Director of Financial Aid, who will determine the final awards. You should receive word of whether you have been selected to receive a DSS award by early May.