



Spring 2016 Awards Application

What is a Local Section?

ACS has 185 local sections throughout the country. The East Central Illinois (ECI) section has over 500 members from Effingham to Champaign. Local sections allow professionals in the field of chemistry to:

- Connect with other chemists and chemical engineers in their geographic area
- Affect change in their local community through outreach
- Contribute to the public's understanding of chemistry in your community

Local Section Awards

To encourage excellence in scholarship and service throughout our local section, we will be accepting nominations for awards. There will be four different nomination categories:

- (1) **Middle School Teacher.** Awarded for excellence in the advancement of education in chemistry and the sciences for middle school students.
- (2) **High School Science Teacher.** Awarded for service and curriculum development relating to the practice of a chemical science.
- (3) **High School Student.** Awarded based on scholarship and involvement in extracurricular activities relating to the chemical sciences.
- (4) **Local Section Member.** Awarded to current members of the ECI local section for outstanding service in the community and for promoting a greater public understanding of chemistry.

Send nominations to our local section email with a short (less than 1-page) letter of support as well as a concise description of the qualifications and accomplishments of the nominee. No self-nominations will be accepted. Visit our website for more details. **Deadline: April 1, 2016**

What is ACS?

The American Chemical Society (ACS) is a scientific society based in the United States that supports scientific inquiry in the field of chemistry. The ACS currently has more than 158,000 members at all degree levels and in all fields of chemistry, chemical engineering, and related fields. It is the world's largest scientific society by membership.

The ACS is a leading source of scientific information through its peer-reviewed scientific journals, national conferences, and the Chemical Abstracts Service. The ACS holds national meetings twice a year covering the complete field of chemistry and also holds smaller conferences concentrating on specific chemical fields or geographic regions. The organization also publishes textbooks, administers several national chemistry awards, provides grants for scientific research, and supports various educational and outreach activities.