

SCC Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship Application Open, sponsored by Mary Kay Inc.

New York, NY (April 4, 2023) — The Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) is pleased to announce we are accepting applications for the 2023 Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship. Two USD\$5,000 scholarships will be awarded. The application period closes 11:59pm EDT on May 19, 2023.

First awarded in 2021 and funded by the generous support of **Mary Kay Inc.**, the scholarship supports specific under-represented minorities of any gender identity pursuing an undergraduate or graduate degree in chemical, physical, medical, pharmaceutical, biological, or related sciences and technology, relative to the cosmetics and personal care industry. Full eligibility rules and program details can be found at scconline.org/WalkerScholarship.

"The SCC is thrilled to continue this scholarship program honoring the legacy and spirit of Madam C.J. Walker," said Erica O'Grady, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of the Society. "We are extremely grateful for the continued generosity of Mary Kay, Inc. in supporting our efforts to educate and prepare under-represented populations for careers in the cosmetics and personal care industry,"

Awardees will be notified by the Scholarship Selection Committee by August 1, 2023. In addition to a \$5,000 scholarship, each awardee will receive a travel voucher along with complimentary accommodations, student poster, and registration to attend the SCC 77th Annual Scientific Meeting & Showcase, December 11-13, 2023, in New York, NY. Select finalists may also be recognized at the event.

About Madam C.J. Walker

Madam C. J. Walker (born Sarah Breedlove; 1867-1919) was an American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist. She is regarded as the first female self-made millionaire in America. Walker made her fortune by developing and marketing a line of cosmetics and hair care products for black women through the business she founded, Madam C. J. Walker Manufacturing Company. At the time of her death, she had helped create the role of the 20th Century, self-made American businesswoman; established herself as a pioneer of the modern black haircare and cosmetics industry; and set standards in the African American community for corporate and community giving. Learn more at madamcjwalker.com/about.



About SCC

Now in its 78th year, the SCC is the oldest and largest non-profit membership organization serving the cosmetics and personal care industry. Dedicated to the advancement of cosmetic science, SCC headquarters provides unparalleled education, resources, and networking for nearly 6,000 members globally and via 19 chapters across Greater North America. Visit www.scconline.org for more information.

About Mary Kay Inc.

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