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SCC's Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship, sponsored by Mary Kay, Inc.

New York, NY (April 9, 2025) — The Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) is pleased to announce the opening of the application period now through May 30, 2025, for the 2025 Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship. Two \$5,000 scholarships, sponsored by Mary Kay, Inc., will be awarded. Visit [scconline.org/WalkerScholarship](https://www.scconline.org/WalkerScholarship) for additional details.

"Today, Madam C.J. Walker continues to inspire others through her business, philanthropic, and barrier-breaking legacy," said Erica O'Grady, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of the Society. "SCC is proud to recognize that legacy by supporting future cosmetic chemists through the generous sponsorship of Mary Kay, Inc."

Now in its fifth year with the generous support of **Mary Kay, Inc.**, the scholarship program supports under-represented individuals pursuing an undergraduate, graduate, or post-graduate degree in STEM disciplines relative to the cosmetics and personal care industry. Full eligibility rules and program details can be found at [scconline.org/WalkerScholarship](https://www.scconline.org/WalkerScholarship).

Awardees will be notified by the Scholarship Selection Committee by August 1, 2025. In addition to a \$5,000 scholarship, each awardee will receive a travel voucher, hotel accommodation, a student poster, and full access registration to attend the SCC 79th Annual Scientific Meeting & Showcase, December 15-17, 2025, in New York City.

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](https://www.madamcjwalker.com/about).



About SCC

Celebrating its 80th anniversary in 2025, 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 5,000+ 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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