

## **Awardees & Finalists Announced for 2025 SCC Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship**

**New York, NY** — The Society of Cosmetic Chemists (SCC) is pleased to announce the 2025 Awardees and Finalists for the SCC Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship, generously sponsored by [Mary Kay](#).

The Scholarship Selection Committee has chosen the following awardees, each receiving a \$5,000 scholarship:



**Chinaza Munonye**  
*University of South Florida*  
Undergraduate student  
Biological Health Sciences



**Lanesa Mahon**  
*University of Cincinnati*  
Doctoral student  
Pharmaceutical Sciences

The finalists recognized by the Committee this year for their outstanding achievements are:



**Lauren Forney**  
*Spelman College*  
Undergraduate student  
Health Science



**Ajoa Jamila (AJ) Addae**  
*University of California, Los Angeles*  
Doctoral student  
Chemistry

Awardees and finalists also receive a financial support package to attend the [SCC's 79th Annual Scientific Meeting & Showcase](#) in New York (Dec. 16-17, 2025), where they will be recognized on-stage during the Annual Awards Breakfast and have the opportunity to present their research during the conference via poster in the Showcase.

"The selection committee reviewed the achievements of more than 40 applicants for the scholarship program this year," said Erica L. O'Grady, CAE, Chief Executive Officer of the Society. "These honorees demonstrated impressive accomplishments and embodiment of the spirit and legacy of Madam C.J. Walker. We are pleased to not only recognize these young scientists, but to support their educational goals and future contributions to the industry."

### **About the Scholarship**

Established in 2021, the Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship, sponsored by [Mary Kay](#), awards two (2) \$5,000 scholarships supporting under-represented individuals pursuing an undergraduate, graduate or post-graduate degree in chemical, physical, medical, pharmaceutical, biological, or related sciences and technology with an interest in pursuing a career in the cosmetics and personal care industry. Visit <https://www.scconline.org/About/Awards/Madam-CJ-Walker-Scholarship> for more information.

### **About SCC**

Founded in 1945 and celebrating its 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this 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 provides unparalleled education, technical resources, and networking for more than 5,000 members globally and via its 19 chapters across Greater North America. Visit [www.scconline.org](http://www.scconline.org) for more information.

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