

BIOLOGY AWARD FAQs

Why should I apply for an award?

These are the highest honors for students in the Department of Biological Sciences, and often are included on job applications to show your success in this field. Your name is also added to the Biology Award plaques showcased on the second floor of Smith Hall.

What do I need to apply?

You need to complete the Biology Award Application form, which can be found at <https://www.towson.edu/fcsm/departments/biology/scholarships.html>. You also need to have TWO faculty members write recommendations to support your application. The Faculty Recommendation Form can also be found at <https://www.towson.edu/fcsm/departments/biology/scholarships.html>

Where should I apply?

All application materials (the application and two faculty recommendations) should be emailed to the Scholarship Committee at bioscholarships@towson.edu. Faculty Recommendations should be emailed directly to the Scholarship Committee.

When should I apply?

As soon as you can, so get started on that application! Your application needs to be complete and submitted by the deadline of Friday, March 5th, 2021. This means you need to give the TWO faculty members writing you recommendations enough time to complete their form and email it to the Scholarship Committee. Don't wait until the last minute or your application may not be complete!

I'm a MBBB or Environmental Science/Studies major, do I qualify for these awards?

Sorry, only Biology majors qualify for these awards.

I qualify for more than one award – can I apply to more than one?

Of course! You can submit your application for any of the awards, as long as you meet the criteria for each.

Any tips for a successful application?

1. Complete all parts of the application and double check that you didn't skip anything.
2. Ask the two faculty members if they would write you a recommendation – don't just send them the form and assume they will help out. Faculty are busy, so you need to be respectful of their time and ask if they would write you a recommendation for your application.
3. Members of the Scholarship Committee may not be in your area of research or know anything about your extracurricular activities, so be sure to avoid jargon and acronyms in your personal statement.
4. Have someone review your personal statement. They may catch some mistakes or help you explain yourself better.
5. If you are stuck or confused, ask for help! You can email the Scholarship Committee for help at bioscholarships@towson.edu