**Taraszka Family Chemistry Award**

**Guidelines and Instructions**

The Department of Chemistry at UWSP encourages qualified students to apply for the Taraszka Family Chemistry Award. This award has been established by Mildred and Anthony Taraszka to reward successful achievement in chemistry or biochemistry and promote advanced degrees in chemistry and sciences. Mildred (Swendrzynski) Taraszka received a BS from Stevens Point in 1956 with majors in chemistry and math before receiving her PhD in physical chemistry from UW Madison. She then pursued a successful career as a research scientist with The Upjohn Co of Kalamazoo, MI before retiring to raise a family of budding scientists. Her husband, Anthony Taraszka, received his PhD in pharmaceutical chemistry at UW Madison, joined The Upjohn Co., and retired as a Corporate Vice President responsible for analytical development and quality control.

*The Nature of the Award:*

The total amount of the award is **$1,500.**

*Criteria for the scholarship*:

* You are a chemistry or biochemistry major at UWSP.
* You are in your senior year.
* You were born in Wisconsin.
* You graduated from a Wisconsin high school in a rural area.
* Your GPA in the major is at least 3.0.
* You have been accepted in a graduate program for a PhD in chemistry, chemical engineering, physics, biochemistry, or mathematics. Specifically **excluded** are all professional schools such as medicine, veterinary medicine, law, or advanced degrees in computer science.

*The Application Process*:

* Complete and submit all sections of the application form.
* Attach a letter or email of acceptance to a graduate program.
* Submit a UWSP Degree Progress Report and transcripts from other colleges that you have attended.
* Arrange to have a letter of recommendation submitted on your behalf by a UWSP chemistry faculty member.

Application Deadline: **March 15, 2024**

Please email all materials to chemistry@uwsp.edu

Alternatively, you may deliver your application to the Chemistry Department Office in CBB 303.

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**Application Form**

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| **1.** | **Name:** |  |
| **2.** | **Local Address:** |  |
| **3.** | **Phone:** |  | **Email:** |  |
| **4.** | **Place of Birth:** |  |
| **5.** | **High School you graduated from:** |  |
| **6.** | **Major(s):** |  |
| **7.** | **Minor(s):** |  |

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| **8.** | **At what university have you been accepted in a graduate program for a PhD and in what field?** |
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| **9.** | **List any activities with the Department that you have participated in during your college career, such as research, Chemistry or Biochemistry Club, student worker, tutor, etc.** |
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| **10.** | **List any extracurricular activities you participated in during your college career.** |
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| **11.** | **List any awards, both academic and extracurricular, that you have received during your college career.** |
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| **12.** | **List any other aspects in your background not identified above, if any, that you feel would be pertinent to your receiving a scholarship that recognizes excellence in chemistry or biochemistry.** |
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| **13.** | **Please write a paragraph on your career aspirations.** |
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