

The Leslie Family Scholarship in Biology

An endowment has been established by Mr. **Ian Leslie**, a CSUN Biology alum who graduated with a second bachelor's degree in Microbiology in '87. Now retired from Amgen, Leslie used the skills he learned at CSUN to establish a successful career as a scientist. In establishing this scholarship, Mr. Leslie wants to recognize and encourage undergraduates who, like he did many years ago, work diligently to get their degrees and achieve their career potential in spite of many other obligations such as work or family.

At CSUN we are fortunate to have, but often do not recognize, a significant number of students who work diligently to get their degrees and achieve their career potential in spite of many other obligations. These students, while academically sound, may lack the time, and possibly the savvy, to qualify for many awards. Moreover, because they often work full-time, they do not qualify for need-based scholarships or other financial aid.

This scholarship is intended to provide recognition and encouragement for a Biology major candidate at any level. The candidate must be nominated by a faculty member, have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA, and demonstrate the maturity, personality and determination to have a successful career in the life sciences. The candidate must be a strong student, but need not be the highest performer in the class. Preference would be given to a returning student or one who has significant adult responsibilities in addition to their schooling. There will be one award of about \$1500 for the 2009-2010 academic year.

The nominating faculty member would ask the student to fill out the attached application form, submit a one page resume, and compose a brief 350-word essay. The nominating faculty member would submit the nomination packet to the committee with a nomination letter.

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Application Form

The deadline for application for the Fall 09-Spring 10 academic year is February 27, 2009, 5:00 pm. The nominating faculty member must submit the application form, nominating letter, candidates' resume and 350-word essay to the Biology Office, Attention: Biology Department Awards Committee.

Name: _____

Student ID: _____

Major _____

GPA: *Biology*: _____ *Cumulative*: _____

Semester/Year started at CSUN: _____

Projected Graduation Date: _____

Academic History: _____

Work Experience: _____

List any awards/scholarships/grants received in the past 5 years:

Please write a personal essay of no more than 350 words introducing yourself—including your personal circumstances, why you have chosen your field of study, and your eventual career objective.