SJSU FORENSIC SCIENCE SCHOLARSHIPS

California Association of Criminalists (CAC) McLaughlin Endowment

Scholarships up to $2,500.00 to support the education, training and research of forensic science students in biology and chemistry.

Eligibility Requirements:
Must be an undergraduate student majoring in Forensic Science with an emphasis in either biology or chemistry (the BS in Forensic Science Program) in the Justice Studies Department at San Jose State University. Students must have either begun or completed one semester of research/internship experience in forensic science.
Student must submit a one-page outline of their forensic science research project.
Student must be a current student member of, or applicant to, the California Association of Criminalists, and be an applicant to or member of the Forensic Science Student Group.
Student must have completed 60 credit hours total, 12 units of which are in the forensic science major, and have attained a 3.0 overall GPA with a minimum of 3.0 GPA in the major courses.

Sergeant Alfred 'Reed' McLaughlin was a latent print specialist with LAPD in the 1950's. He and his wife, Virginia, left an endowment to the California Association of Criminalists to fund CAC-sponsored research and training. This endowment also funds the Edward F. Rhodes Award.

The endowment was funded initially upon the passing of Reed McLaughlin and was later nearly doubled upon the passing of Virginia. Like many crime scene investigators of his era, Reed used benzidine in his work to detect minute quantities of blood. Sergeant McLaughlin died of cancer that was linked to using benzidine with bare hands.

This scholarship is specifically intended for the purpose of funding student research and training. The funds may be used for travel, lodging, attendance and registration at forensic science meetings and to offset costs incurred for research and presentation of results at a CAC meeting.

Please see application for additional requirements.

Scholarship applications are available online at http://www.sjsu.edu/justicestudies/
Applications for membership in CAC are available at www.cacnews.org