

University of San Diego Alice B. Hayes Memorial Science Scholarship and Fellowship Application 2025-2026

I, _____, am applying for the Alice B. Hayes Science Scholarship/Fellowship. I acknowledge that all letters of recommendation will be kept confidential, and I grant the committee permission to review all of my relevant academic and financial aid records. I also waive the right to access the letters of recommendation in this file. I hereby acknowledge all information is true and that the essay was written solely by me, with no unauthorized assistance.

Signature _____ Date _____

Directions:

- 1) Fill out all pages of the application.
- 2) Request three letters of support. One letter must be from a recommender outside the natural sciences.
- 3) Complete the 600-word essay.
- 4) If you wish to apply Hayes funding to tuition and coursework (scholarship), please write a statement justifying this usage of the scholarship funds.
- 5) If you wish to use Hayes funding to support a research project (research fellowship), please include a two-page research proposal. You are encouraged to work in collaboration with your research mentor to draft the proposal. This research proposal should include a budget, not to exceed \$6,000, which may be applied to summer salary, travel (conferences or field studies), research supplies and summer housing (on campus).
- 6) Return to Dr. Joan Schellinger via email (jschellinger@san Diego.edu) by **December 3, 2025**. All materials, including letters of support (emailed to jschellinger@san Diego.edu) must be received by this date. Late applications and materials will not be accepted.

Scholarship/Fellowship requirements:

- 1) You must be majoring in the Department of Biology, Chemistry and Biochemistry, Physics and Biophysics, and Environmental and Ocean Sciences. If you are awarded a scholarship/fellowship, you must remain a student in one of the majors in these departments during the award period.
- 2) You must have a grade point average at or higher than a 3.25/4.00.
- 3) Students awarded with the Hayes research fellowship for the summer are no longer eligible to receive funding from other summer research programs such as STARBURST.

Please print or type.

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Email: _____

Applying for: Scholarship Research Fellowship

Male Female Prefer not to say

Date of Birth: _____ Student ID: _____

Local address: (include city and zip code)

Permanent address: (include city and zip code)

Major(s) _____ Advisor _____ & GPA _____ /4.00

Class Year (circle one): Second Year Third Year

Please describe any relevant scientific activities you have undertaken outside of traditional course work. These can include research, internships, volunteer, and outreach activities.

List any awards, scholarships, or honors you have received:

List the six most significant activities (for example: clubs, volunteering) that you have participated in while attending USD. Be sure to include dates and any leadership positions.

In one to two sentences, describe your professional/career goals:

What has motivated you toward these professional/career goals?

Alice B. Hayes Science Scholarship/Fellowship Essay

Essay rules:

- 1) Limit of 600 words.
- 2) The essay must be written by the applicant, with no assistance from any faculty or staff.

Alice B. Hayes was President of USD from 1996 to 2003. Dr. Hayes earned her Ph.D. in Botany and had an enduring commitment to science and students pursuing an education in the sciences within the mission and goals of the University of San Diego. Please write an essay based on the following question. **How do your personal and professional goals align with the mission and goals of the University of San Diego?** This essay may include references to courses (in the Core or sciences), research experiences or other relevant experiences.

You may read about mission and goals of USD at <https://www.sandiego.edu/about/mission-vision-values.php>.