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Dear Chemistry Teacher,

I am pleased to announce that the New York Section of the American Chemical Society will continue its fee waiver program to encourage increased participation of schools in the 2024 Chemistry Olympiad.

The section has determined that a school may apply for the waiver of the Olympiad registration fee of \$25 for up to six students or \$50 for up to 12 students if the school has never participated in the Chemistry Olympiad or have not participated since 2018. In accord with the terms of the grant which the NYACS received in 2022, preference will be given to schools that nominate students who are female, African-American, Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islanders.

We have further determined that in order to be eligible for the grant a school should nominate a minimum of two students (but the \$25 registration fee is for up to six students). As a bonus, to encourage additional participation, a school may nominate up to 12 students. Applications will be reviewed in the order they are received.

The first phase of the Chemistry Olympiad is the local exam which will be offered on Saturday, March 9 and Sunday, March 10. The exam will be given online and students will need to have two devices which can be connected to the internet. The first will be for the student to take the exam and the second will be so that the proctors can monitor activity in the Zoom breakout rooms. The actual exam takes 110 minutes.

Information about the Olympiad can be found at: <u>https://www.acs.org/content/acs/en/education/students/highschool/olympiad.html</u>

We look forward to your school applying for the registration fee waiver and the participation of your students in the 2024 Chemistry Olympiad.

Sincerely, Stephen Z. Goldberg Chair, NYACS Olympiad Committee