

STEELE PRE-PROFESSIONAL HEALTH CAREERS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP

The **David F. Steele** Pre-Professional Health Careers Endowed Undergraduate Student Scholarship (Steele Endowed Scholarship) was established by Dr. and Mrs. Lawrence L. Michel in honor of Dr. David F. Steele, an esteemed professor of biological sciences. Dr. Steele, for over thirty years, has inspired the students in his classes and wisely guided numerous additional students pursuing their studies in pre-professional health programs.

The Scholarship

Individual annual scholarships of \$1000 will be awarded to an undergraduate student who is enrolled in a pre-professional health field that might include medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine or kinesiology. Applicants will include junior or senior students who plan to continue their studies after graduation at graduate or professional schools to earn degrees that include MD, DDS, DVM or MPH. The scholarship will provide support for a Cal Poly Pomona student's fees and/or other academic related expenses such as textbooks, equipment and/or costs incurred during their efforts to gain admission to graduate or professional health schools (i.e. applications, travel for interviews).

Application Requirements

- 1) **Application form:** Complete an application form which is also available from the link (<http://www.csupomona.edu/~preprofessional/resources.shtml>) under Form in "Dr. Steele Pre-professional Student Scholarship". The form is also available in the Biological Sciences Department office (8-119) and on the department website.
- 2) **Transcripts:** Submit a transcript of your coursework at Cal Poly Pomona as well as transferred coursework from other schools (unofficial transcripts are accepted).
- 3) **Personal Statement:** Type your statement (500 words or less) describing your inspiration for pursuing a career in one of the health professions and your commitment to achieving this goal.
- 4) **Recommendation Letters:** Arrange for **two** letters in support of your application. The letters must be submitted separately by the recommenders at the following website <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/bio-scholarship-recommendation.shtml>. In the event that a recommender is unable to submit a letter via the website, he/she should contact the chair(s) of the Student Award Committee to arrange for an alternative way to submit a letter (contact information for the chair(s) is provided on the award website: <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/student-scholarships.shtml>). The letter should be addressed to the Scholarships and Awards Committee. In addition, each recommender's letter must cover **ALL** scholarships/awards for which the student is applying, NOT separate letters for each scholarship.
- 5) **Curriculum Vitae:** Include a copy of **1-page** CV outlining all relevant accomplishments and activities related to this award.

Due Date

Requested application materials for this scholarship, except for recommendation letters, must be compiled into a single pdf file named as "Last name_Steele Scholarship", and uploaded at: <https://www.cpp.edu/~sci/biological-sciences/students/bio-scholarship-application.shtml>. Applications must be received by **April 15th**.

Scholarship Selection and Award

The student recipient will be selected by a committee comprised of members of the Biology faculty in consultation with the current University's pre-professional academic advisor (Dr. Zhao) and the chair of the Department of Biological Sciences. The scholarship recipient will be notified the result of her/his application at the end of April. Donor/s will be invited to all scholarship presentation and recognition events, or opportunities that might facilitate meeting scholarship recipient/s. In addition to the cash award, the recipient will be given a certificate of recognition, and her/his name will be added to a plaque of commendation in the Department Office.

