



Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation

## CALL FOR NOMINATIONS CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS FOUNDATION U.S. CHAMBER OF COMMERCE 2012 *LIFE SCIENCES AWARDS*

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce supports American industry dedicated to protecting human health through the testing, manufacturing and marketing of biomedical products. As scientific innovation of biomedical products begins at the lab bench, the Chamber has partnered with the Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation, a Federal government agency, with the mission of promoting and encouraging new discoveries.

This partnership will present the Fifth Annual *Life Sciences Awards* to recognize, through **four** monetary awards, one scientist; one current high school educator; and two current high school students who are judged to exemplify excellence in life sciences.

### **\$10,000 Distinguished Life Sciences Scientist Award**

The ***\$10,000 Distinguished Life Sciences Scientist Award*** will be presented to a scientist who is making or has recently made a significant and positive contribution toward the development of a “cutting edge” innovation in the field of life sciences.

### **\$5,000 Life Sciences Educator Award**

The ***\$5,000 Life Sciences Educator Award*** will be presented to a current high school educator, with at least five years of teaching experience, who demonstrates an ongoing teaching strategy that evidences proficiency in instructing students in the College Board’s Advanced Placement (AP) Biology, Chemistry or other life sciences courses.

### **\$1,000 Life Sciences Student Awards**

Two ***\$1,000 Life Sciences Student Awards*** will be presented to current high school students who are making or have recently made significant and positive contributions related to the study of life science.

All Nominations are accepted online only at: [www.ccolumbusfoundationawards.org](http://www.ccolumbusfoundationawards.org). Please visit this website for information on Competition Rules and Regulations. **The deadline for 2012 Nominations is Tuesday, March 27, 2012.** Any questions related to the competition may be directed to Judi Shellenberger, Executive Director of the Foundation at: [judithmscolumbus@cs.com](mailto:judithmscolumbus@cs.com) or (315) 258-0090.

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The **Christopher Columbus Fellowship Foundation** is an independent Federal government agency established by Congress in 1992 to “encourage and support research, study and labor designed to produce new discoveries in all fields of endeavor for the benefit of mankind.” The Foundation has created ***Frontiers of Discovery*** programs that honor "cutting edge" innovations, innovative ideas of America's youth and educators. Programs sponsored by the Foundation include: ***Agriscience Awards*** please visit: [www.agriscienceawards.com](http://www.agriscienceawards.com); ***Homeland Security Awards*** and ***Life Sciences Awards*** please visit: [ccolumbusfoundationawards.org](http://ccolumbusfoundationawards.org); and the ***Christopher Columbus Awards***, designed exclusively for middle school students, and challenges them to create an innovative solution to a community issue using the scientific method. Please visit: [www.christophercolumbusawards.com](http://www.christophercolumbusawards.com). For additional information, please visit: [www.columbusfdn.org](http://www.columbusfdn.org) or contact Judi Shellenberger at (315) 258-0090 or email: [judithmscolumbus@cs.com](mailto:judithmscolumbus@cs.com).

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