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Project Entry Date \_\_\_\_\_ Eligibility Status \_\_\_\_\_

## Providing Support Structures for Chemistry Majors (PSSCM)

Providing Support Structures for Chemistry Majors (PSSCM) is a program funded by the National Science Foundation (NSF, award #0630930) which seeks to increase the number of St. Olaf students entering into careers in science. The program is open to all students at St. Olaf College with demonstrated financial need who are planning to graduate with a major in chemistry. Special emphasis will be given to attracting the students with the greatest financial need. All recipients must be a US citizen, permanent resident, or admitted refugee.

### **Program Features:**

- Scholarships of up to \$10,000/year, renewable for up to four years.
- Academic mentoring and advising.
- Academic support in the form of Supplemental Instruction, tutoring, and textbook lending.
- Professional development activities.
- Career counseling, services and related activities, such as workshops, field trips, internship information and seminars.

### **Application Process:**

- This completed **application** form
- A copy of your **St. Olaf transcript** or, if you have not enrolled at St. Olaf, a copy of your **high school transcript**
- A **letter of recommendation** from a chemistry instructor
- A **one-page essay** describing why you want be a chemistry major at St. Olaf and how this program will help you achieve that goal



## CONFIDENTIALITY OF INFORMATION

Information you provide to the Providing Support Structures for Chemistry Majors (PSSCM) program is protected by the Privacy Act. No one may see the information unless they work for St. Olaf College or if you specifically authorize them to see the information. In addition, some information you give to the PSSCM Program is sent to the federal government (National Science Foundation). The information is necessary to confirm that you are eligible to participate in the program and helps the government to measure your success.

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With whom did you live while you attended high school? \_\_\_\_\_

If you lived with a parent(s), what is the education attainment of the parent(s) with whom you lived?

### Father

\_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable  
\_\_\_\_\_ Less than high school  
\_\_\_\_\_ High school graduate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Some college or 2-year degree  
\_\_\_\_\_ 4-year college degree  
\_\_\_\_\_ Post BA-work

### Mother

\_\_\_\_\_ Not Applicable  
\_\_\_\_\_ Less than high school  
\_\_\_\_\_ High school graduate  
\_\_\_\_\_ Some college or 2-year degree  
\_\_\_\_\_ 4-year college degree  
\_\_\_\_\_ Post BA-work

1. Why are you interested in participating in PSSCM? (Check all that apply)

\_\_\_\_\_ Educational achievement and improvement  
\_\_\_\_\_ Intensive advising (both academic and career)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Student leadership opportunities (conferences, Advisory Board, workshops)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Supplemental Instruction (SI)  
\_\_\_\_\_ Tutoring (in which subject/s?) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Extra-curricular Events  
\_\_\_\_\_ Graduate School advising and preparation  
\_\_\_\_\_ Assistance securing internships, research positions and summer career-related work experience.  
\_\_\_\_\_ Textbook lending library  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mentoring  
\_\_\_\_\_ Scholarships

2. What is your current status in school?

\_\_\_ First-year student  
\_\_\_ Sophomore  
\_\_\_ Junior  
\_\_\_ Senior

3. Are you a St. Olaf College SSS participant? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

*The following information requested on a voluntary basis:*

4. Predominant Ethnic Background: Mark one, please.

- Black or African American
- American Indian or Alaskan Native
- Asian
- Hispanic or Latino
- International Student (country of origin) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Must be a permanent resident or U.S. citizen to be in TRiO)
- White
- Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander
- Other/biracial: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Languages spoken in your home (list all): \_\_\_\_\_

## **Providing Support Structures for Chemistry Majors (PSSCM) Program**

### **CONSENT FORM TO OBTAIN AND/OR RELEASE INFORMATION**

All family and student information provided to PSSCM or obtained by the program is kept confidential and will not be released without permission.

The PSSCM program requests your permission to obtain information and/or to release family and student information for the following reasons:

1. To obtain information necessary to establish your eligibility for program services.
2. To report student progress information to the National Science Foundation (NSF) to demonstrate program effectiveness.

I give the PSSCM program permission to obtain and/or release information on my behalf for the reasons listed above.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

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**SELECTION PROCESS:** As there are a limited number of spaces available in the PSSCM Program, priority will be given to:

- Students who are committed to a major in chemistry.
- Students with the greatest demonstrated financial need.
- Students with enthusiastic support from a chemistry instructor.

**PSSCM Application Check List:**

\_\_\_\_\_ This completed application

\_\_\_\_\_ Unofficial current St. Olaf transcript unless applying prior to enrollment at St. Olaf College or the first semester of college; if applying prior to enrollment at St. Olaf or during first semester of college, attach an unofficial high school transcript

\_\_\_\_\_ Documentation of citizenship, residency, or refugee status.

\_\_\_\_\_ Recommendation from a chemistry instructor

**Providing Support Structures for Chemistry Majors (PSSCM) Program  
ST. OLAF COLLEGE**

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**St. Olaf College**  
**Providing Support Structures for Chemistry Majors (PSSCM) Program**

**Authorization for the Release of Academic and Financial Aid Information**

I authorize the staff of the PSSCM program to share information with those concerned about my academic progress such as the Dean's office, professors, counselors, residence life, financial aid, etc. I also authorize the staff of the PSSCM Program, Financial Aid office and Student Accounts office to share information concerning my financial aid package and bill/student account in order to verify my eligibility for the program and to assist me in completing all necessary documents needed for receiving financial aid.

I understand that personal information will not be shared and will remain confidential unless we are legally required to break confidence. These exceptions are as follows:

1. If there is reasonable cause to believe that you are a danger to yourself or others, it may be necessary to inform the appropriate people.
2. If we suspect abuse of children or vulnerable adults, we are required to notify the appropriate agencies.
3. If you are involved in certain criminal or civil proceedings, we may be required by court subpoena to release records and/or have staff testify.
4. PSSCM staff may consult with each other in order to provide you with the best assistance available.

If you have any questions about our services, confidentiality or other legal or ethical concerns, please feel free to discuss this with any of the staff of the PSSCM program.

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Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**STUDENT INFORMED CONSENT AGREEMENT**

I give my consent  I do not give my consent for the *St. Olaf College Providing Support Structures for Chemistry Majors (PSSCM) program to use my photo and provide information on my participation in the PSSCM program in the PSSCM website, brochures, and newsletters. This agreement remains in effect during my years as a student at St. Olaf College.*

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Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date