



October 8, 2013

Greetings,

American Heart Association (AHA) Scientific Sessions, held November 16-20, 2013, in Dallas, TX, presents a unique opportunity to introduce your top minority science students to the exciting world of cardiovascular research – especially those students who are considering perusing a career in the sciences.

On Monday, November 18 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, the AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology is recruiting up to 60 minority students and one teacher and/or counselor per high school to attend a one-day program to learn about the latest in cardiovascular research. Participants will hear from the AHA President, Dr. Elliott Antman, a panel of AHA-funded researchers, physicians, nurses, and allied health professionals about careers in health and science, to learn what to look for in an undergraduate academic program leading to a career in health sciences. In addition, student will have the opportunity to tour the Exhibit and Poster Hall – showcasing more than 4,000 abstracts of original research, both clinical and basic.

Students interested in attending our 2013 Council on Clinical Cardiology High School Outreach Program during AHA Scientific Sessions event, will be required to have a recommendation from a counselor or teacher, and submit a 300-word essay that demonstrates their interest in cardiovascular science.

Enclosed in this packet, you will find an application that includes a choice of four essay questions for students to choose from. Please copy and distribute the application to junior and senior science students who would benefit from this exciting opportunity. Room is limited; we encourage each school to nominate no more than 20 students for this program. The **deadline for submitting the application and essay is October 15, 2013**. Selected students and their teachers will be notified by October 4. Please submit applications to Stacey Winningham at Stacey.winningham@heart.org.

Cardiovascular disease is our nation's number one killer, claiming the lives of more than 830,000 Americans each year. But amazing advances have been made in the diagnosis, treatment and prevention of heart disease and stroke – thanks to biomedical research. There has never been a better time for your students to explore the world of cardiovascular science, and we are delighted to offer them this opportunity through the AHA Council on Clinical Cardiology.

If you have questions, please call me, Stacey Winningham, at (703) 868-6292. We look forward to hearing from you and hope that your school will participate in Council on Clinical Cardiology High School Outreach Program on November 18!

Sincerely,

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