

## **2009 Marion E. Sparks Award for Professional Development**

The Chemistry Division of the Special Libraries Association (SLA) is sponsoring a student/new member travel award to defray the costs of attending the 2009 SLA Annual Meeting June 14-17 in Washington, D.C. The award is intended to encourage the professional development of student members and new members of the Chemistry Division and encourage their participation in Chemistry Division activities.

**TRAVEL AWARD:** \$1,500 stipend to attend the 2009 SLA Annual Conference. The winner will also receive a certificate of achievement and will be introduced at the Chemistry Division Business Meeting & Breakfast.

**ELIGIBILITY:** All student members of the Chemistry Division and all new members of the Chemistry Division (individuals who have joined since January 2008) are eligible. All applicants must have joined the Chemistry Division by February 23, 2009. See below for how to join.

### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

Please submit the following:

-A brief essay that: a) clearly articulates your objectives for professional development; and b) indicates

what you hope to gain from attending the SLA Annual Meeting. Maximum length: 2 pages.

-Resume

-Names of two references.

-Brief budget (expected expenses for registration, airfare, lodging, food and/or continuing education course).

Registration in a Chemistry Division or other Continuing Education (CE) course is recommended, but not required.

**DEADLINE:** All applications must be received by March 9, 2009. The winner will be notified by March 27, 2009. Essays will be judged by the SLA Chemistry Division Awards Committee.

**HISTORY:** The award is named to honor Marion E. Sparks, a chemistry librarian at the University of Illinois from 1913 until her death in 1929. Ms. Sparks contributed a great deal to the field of chemical information, her achievements include teaching courses on chemical information, and

authoring and publishing what is argued to be the first book to formally address chemical literature and library instruction.

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