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Merck & Co. Inc., Announces Women in Chemistry Scholarships.

WHITEHOUSE STATION, N.J. -- February 2007 -- Merck & Co. Inc., announces the establishment of The Merck Index Women in Chemistry Scholarship program. The scholarships are designed to encourage women to pursue advanced degrees in synthetic organic or medicinal chemistry.

Merck will present up to five scholarships of \$5,000 each to outstanding women chemists who are beginning their first year of study in a chemistry Ph.D. program. The awards will be administered by the editorial staff of *The Merck Index, Chemistry's Constant Companion*[™], which was first published in 1899.

Maryadele O'Neil, Editor of *The Merck Index*, in announcing the new scholarship program said, "We are proud and pleased to encourage women towards advanced degrees in chemistry. The just published 14th edition of The Merck Index has been written and edited entirely by women, providing us with a unique opportunity to be role models for aspiring female chemists. This scholarship program exemplifies Merck's commitment to workplace diversity and to the excellence of science education."

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The scholarship application deadline is April 9th and detailed award criteria and application forms are available on The Merck Index website:

<http://www.merckbooks.com/mindex>. The scholarships will be presented at a symposium at the American Chemical Society National Meeting in Boston this August.

About Merck

Merck & Co., Inc., of Whitehouse Station, New Jersey, U.S.A., is a global research-driven pharmaceutical company dedicated to putting patients first. Established in 1891, Merck currently discovers, develops, manufactures and markets vaccines and medicines to address unmet medical needs. The Company devotes extensive efforts to increase access to medicines through far-reaching programs that not only donate Merck medicines but help deliver them to the people who need them. Merck also publishes unbiased health information as a not-for-profit service. For more information, visit www.merck.com.

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