



Mid-Atlantic
Chapter SCC

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Spring Newsletter



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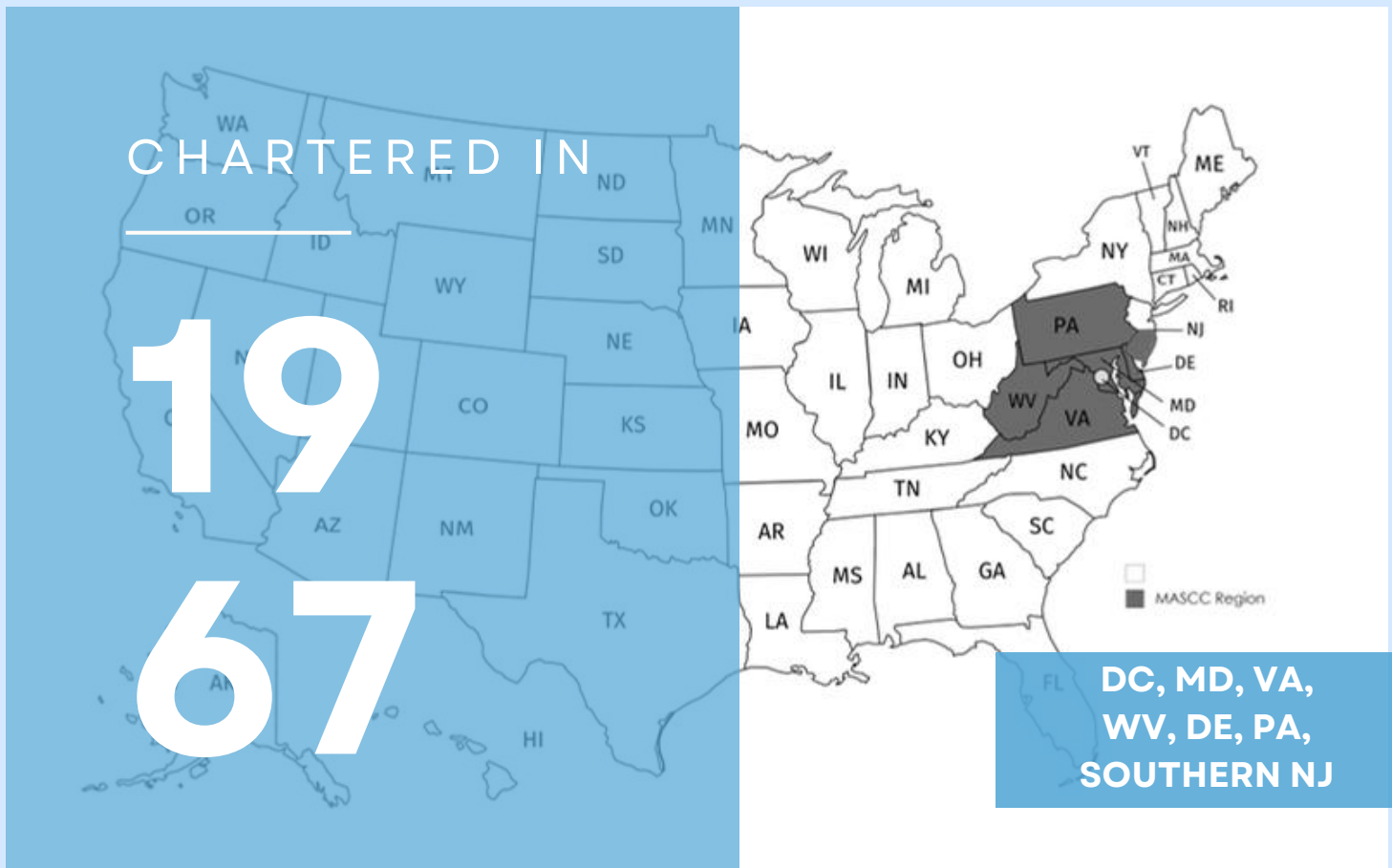


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Featured This Quarter:

Emerging trends in skin barrier health, sustainability, and advanced formulation technologies.



About Us

There are over 70 members in the chapter spread over a large geographical area which includes the states of Delaware, Maryland, Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia, Washington DC, and Southern New Jersey.

MISSION STATEMENT:

The MASCC creates and promotes a unique experience to students and industry professionals, through meaningful education, networking opportunities, and impassions the understanding of how science meets mainstream beauty.

★ Meet Your 2026 Executive Board!

MASCC is led by a dedicated group of professionals representing diverse areas of the cosmetic science industry.

Their leadership supports the chapter's mission to foster education, innovation, and community engagement.

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★ Vice Chair



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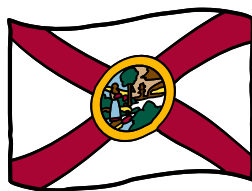
Welcome to Area IV!

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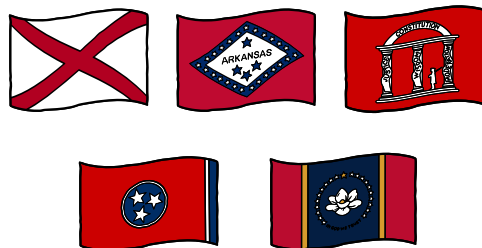
Area IV of the SCC includes



Carolinas



Florida



Southeast



What's Happening at MASCC



MASCC HIGHLIGHTS (Q1)

A strong start to 2026 with continued engagement across the chapter:

- Active member participation to volunteer across initiatives
- Continued focus on student outreach and career development
- Growth in MASCC programming and cosmetic industry collaboration



UPCOMING MASCC EVENTS

MASCC is excited to offer a range of educational and networking opportunities throughout 2026. Save the dates and stay tuned for additional details and registration information.

Green Technology Symposium

September 10, 2026

Venue: To Be Announced

A technical symposium focused on sustainability, green chemistry, and emerging innovations in cosmetic formulation.



We're seeking speakers for this event! Members and industry professionals are encouraged to submit topics for consideration.

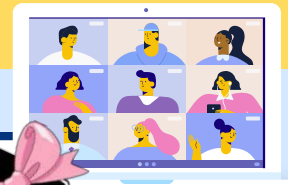
LEARN MORE ON PG. 8

President's Dinner

November 2026

Venue: To Be Announced

Join MASCC for an evening of networking and celebration as we reflect on the year's achievements and look ahead to the future of the chapter. The event will include the introduction of the newly elected Executive Board, recognition of the past year's accomplishments, and a preview of goals and initiatives for 2027.

**Beauty Behind Bars**

October 2026

Venue: Virtual Event

A virtual event focused on the role of cosmetic and personal care products in supporting dignity, hygiene, and well-being. This session will explore access to these products for underserved and vulnerable populations, including incarcerated persons, and foster discussion around challenges, awareness, and opportunities for industry engagement.

MASCC Webinars (Q3)

Venue: Virtual

- **Sunscreen Regulations Webinar (June)**
 - A regulatory-focused session covering sunscreen requirements and considerations, pending developments related to ingredient approvals and FDA guidance.
- **Fragrance (July/August)**
 - A technical session exploring fragrance development and innovation within the cosmetic industry.

**NEW MASCC WEBSITE**

MASCC recently launched an updated website to better serve our members.

Highlights include:

- Improved navigation and accessibility to SCC HQ
- Expanded event and educational resources
- Enhanced member engagement tools

We encourage members to explore the [new platform!](#)



CHECK OUT THE NEW WEBSITE!



Thank You MASCC Volunteers!



Our volunteers are at the heart of MASCC. From planning events and supporting educational initiatives to strengthening connections within our community, their time and dedication make our work possible.

We are grateful for the individuals who contribute their expertise and energy to advancing cosmetic science and supporting the Mid-Atlantic Chapter.



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★ Call for Speakers! Green Technology Symposium

Interested in presenting?

The MASCC invites industry professionals, researchers, and students to submit abstracts for consideration for the Green Technology Symposium.

TOPICS OF INTEREST INCLUDE:



Common Microorganisms in Fermented Cosmetics



Fermentation Benefits for Skin, Scalp, and Hair



Environmental Impact of Fermented Cosmetics



Biotics & Filtrates: Beauty Marketing Debunked



Sustainable Manufacturing of Fermented Ingredients

We are seeking papers focused on Fermentation in Cosmetic Ingredients, and depicted in the list above. Selected speakers will present at the Green Technology Symposium in September. **Note, presenters will be selected by the MASCC Board based on scientific relevance and industry impact.**

Submissions should include:

- Abstract
- Headshot
- Brief biography
- Relevant research or presentation topic



All materials should be submitted to the MASCC before the deadline 4/30. Use the button to at midatlanticscc@gmail.com with the **ATTN: SPEAKER - Green Technology Symposium**.

DEADLINE APPROACHING
— SUBMIT BY APRIL 30

★ ABOUT THE NEXTGEN INITIATIVE

The **NextGen** initiative was launched in 2015 by the Society of Cosmetic Chemists to address the needs of early careerists, young professionals and undergraduate/post-graduate students in the cosmetics and personal care industry. The initiative consists of special education, networking and other events specifically designed to assist the “next generation” of formulators, innovators, and ground-breakers in the industry.



**RECEIVE YOUR FIRST
CALENDAR YEAR OF
MEMBERSHIP FOR FREE**

HIGHLIGHTS OF NEXTGEN

- **Relationships** with more than 20 higher education institutions worldwide that focus on cosmetic chemistry and related degrees.
- A full track of sessions at the Annual Scientific Meeting **dedicated to NextGen-focused topics.**
- **Continuing education courses held throughout the year**, designed to address what early careerists and those new to the industry need to know now.
- Significantly **discounted student and junior member access fees** to local and national events.
- **Career development programs**, including opportunities to personally connect with potential employers in all facets of the industry – from finished goods houses to material suppliers and contract manufacturers to regulatory agencies.
- National and local chapter opportunities for students to **present their research and scientific posters to industry leaders, some of whom are afforded scholarships or prizes.**
- **Opportunities to meet industry and subject matter experts in every aspect of the cosmetics and personal care industry**, including academia, government, testing/claims professionals, formulators, consultants, legal and insurance specialists, and more.



◆ Industry News

CALLING ON STUDENTS! | HONOR CHORDS

Purchase the SCC Honor Cord to celebrate your graduation day with an SCC flair! The double stranded bright green and white cord reflects not only the SCC colors and logo but also your membership within the Society of Cosmetic Chemists!

Note: Purchase of an honor cord requires an active SCC membership.

This is a great opportunity for students (undergraduate and graduate) to showcase your membership at graduation. Purchase your honor cord today!

[LEARN MORE](#)



Society of Cosmetic Chemists Logo



SCC Honor Cord



Graduation Ceremony

MADAM CJ WALKER SCHOLARSHIP NOW OPEN!

The Madam CJ Walker Scholarship Committee is excited to announce that the application period for the SCC Madam C.J. Walker Scholarship is now officially open.

With the generous sponsorship of **Mary Kay**, this scholarship honors the legacy of Madam C.J. Walker by supporting students who demonstrate leadership, perseverance, and a commitment to academic and personal excellence. We encourage all eligible candidates to apply and take advantage of this opportunity to further their educational goals.

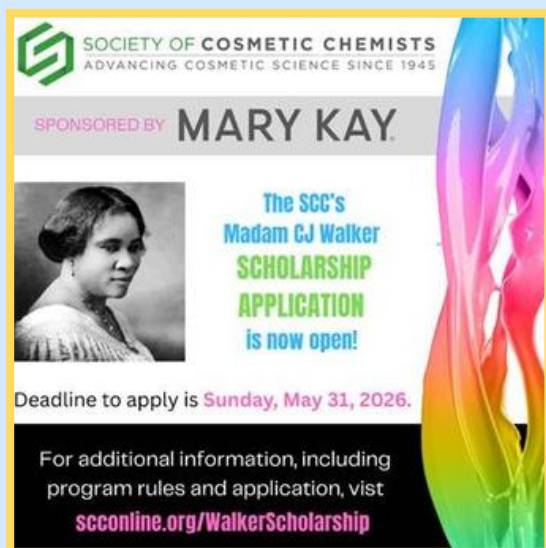
Application Deadline: 11:59 PM ON SUNDAY, MAY 31, 2026

Eligibility Requirements: [See Program Details](#)

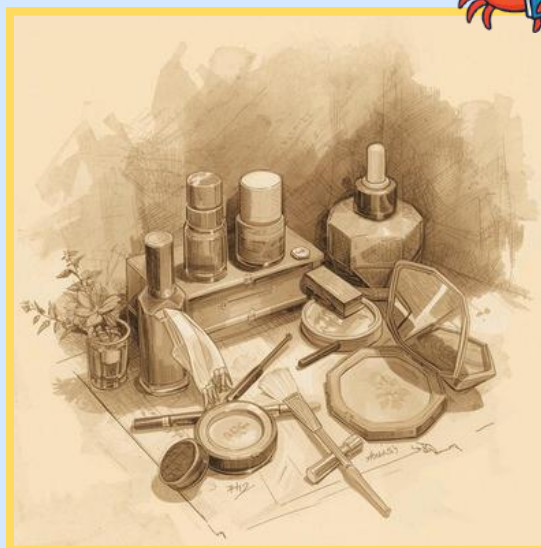
How to Apply: [Complete the Online Application](#)

Please be sure to review all program rules, tips for success, and application guidelines carefully and submit all required materials before the deadline.

If you have any questions or need additional information, contact SCC or Erica O'Grady via eogrady@scconline.org.



Madam CJ Walker Graphic



AI- Generated Cosmetic Graphic

INNOVATION SPOTLIGHT



The cosmetic science landscape continues to shift toward science-driven, sustainable, and performance-focused innovation this year:

Biotechnology in ingredients – Advances in fermentation and precision biotechnology are enabling more reproducible, high-purity ingredients. These approaches are being explored to improve functionality, stability, and safety in formulations. All claims must comply with regulatory oversight, including guidance from the U.S. FDA [1]

Microbiome-informed formulations – Research into skin-microbiome interactions is expanding. Prebiotics, probiotics, and postbiotics are being studied to support microbial balance and barrier function, with formulation strategies subject to regulatory review to ensure product safety and efficacy. [2] [3]

Sustainable and minimalist formulation – Environmental considerations continue to influence R&D, from water-reduced or waterless products to biodegradable packaging. Scientific rigor guides these approaches to balance performance, safety, and environmental impact [4]

Barrier-focused skin care – Formulations emphasizing gentle, scientifically supported barrier support are increasingly in development. Claims of “regeneration” or enhanced resilience must be carefully substantiated and compliant with FDA cosmetic regulations [5]

These developments highlight the industry’s move toward science-driven, responsible, and safe formulation strategies that meet consumer expectations while adhering to regulatory requirements



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External Events

IN THIS SECTION, WE SHOUTOUT ALL THE UPCOMING SCC RELATED OR NON-SCC RELATED EVENTS HOSTED OUTSIDE OUR CHAPTER

Here at the MASCC, we will continue to promote events related to cosmetics and/or the cosmetic industry.



NEWYORK CHAPTER: SUPPLIERS' DAY

May 19 - 20, 2026

Javits Convention Center

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IN-COSMETICS GLOBAL COSMETIC INGREDIENTS TRADE SHOW

April 14 - 16, 2026

Paris Expo Porte de Versailles, France

[REGISTER](#)



LEGAL AND REGULATORY CONFERENCE

June 3 - 5, 2026

The Drake Hotel, Chicago IL

[REGISTER](#)



NATURALLY KIAWAH SYMPOSIUM 2026

November 6 - 8, 2026

Kiawah Island

[REGISTER](#)

COSMETIC360
LET'S EXPLORE INNOVATION

FLORIDA CHAPTER: SUNSCREEN SYMPOSIUM

October 14 - 15, 2026

Paris, France

[REGISTER](#)



SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS
ADVANCING COSMETIC SCIENCE SINCE 1945

CEP COURSE - ANTIMICROBIAL PROTECTION IN COSMETICS: PRESERVING YOUR FORMULATIONS

May 18, 2026

Javits Convention Center

[REGISTER](#)



SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS
ADVANCING COSMETIC SCIENCE SINCE 1945

SCC'S 80TH ANNUAL SCIENTIFIC MEETING & SHOWCASE

November 30 - December 2, 2026

TBD

[EVENT DETAILS COMING SOON](#)



SOCIETY OF COSMETIC CHEMISTS
ADVANCING COSMETIC SCIENCE SINCE 1945

CEP COURSE - MODERN HAIR CARE SCIENCE: FROM FOLLICLE TO FORMULATION

May 18, 2026

Javits Convention Center

[REGISTER](#)

Be sure to check out all these amazing events!

Click on each link to learn more and register.



Job Board!

LOOKING FOR JOBS IN THE DMV? WE'RE POSTING JOB ANNOUNCEMENTS EVERY TUESDAY ON OUR SOCIAL MEDIA.

We are also posting opportunities that are in-person, remote, or hybrid for all persons that live in the Mid-Atlantic Region and/or who want/are willing to relocate to the region! If you see a job that interests you, apply ASAP!

PLEASE NOTE, IF THE LINKS ARE BROKEN THAT MEANS THE JOB IS NO LONGER AVAILABLE



Chemist Intern

EMPLOYER: SHIN-ETSU
SILICONES OF AMERICA, INC.

Internship involving lab support for personal care formulation tasks, including sample prep, basic emulsion technology work, and stability checks

[VIEW JOB
ANNOUNCEMENT](#)



Integrated Supply Chain Intern

EMPLOYER: MARYKAY
A structured 10-week summer internship supporting product innovation, cross-functional projects, and R&D exposure within a major skincare and color cosmetics company.

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ANNOUNCEMENT](#)



Newsletter Sponsors (2026)

A HUGE THANKS TO OUR 2026 SPONSORS WHO CONTINUE TO SPONSOR OUR MASCC NEWSLETTERS

We'd like to thank all our MASCC Newsletter sponsors who continue to support our chapter. Some sponsors are yearly sponsors who continue to support our newsletters and content; we are so thankful for your continuous support.

Here we'd like to specially shout out the following companies who continue to support us yearly:

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Since 1987 Kobo has provided innovative, technology-based raw materials to the cosmetic industry.

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Newsletter Sponsorships Now Open!

We are now accepting Newsletter sponsorships for the 2026! If your company is interested in partnering with MASCC, we'd love to hear from you. Sponsorship details are below:

If interested, email us at midatlanticssc@gmail.com with the **ATTN: MASCC Newsletter Committee**.

2026 Newsletter Release Months (4 Issues per Quarter)

2026 Calendar						
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Q1 (January–March)						
	2			Q2 (April–June)		
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Q3 (July–September)						
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MASCC newsletters are distributed four times per year, with releases occurring twice in the first month of the quarter, once in the second month, and once in the final month to ensure consistent sponsor visibility and engagement.



Newsletter Sponsorship Tier Prices

If interested, email us at midatlanticssc@gmail.com with the ATTN:
MASCC Newsletter Committee.

2x2

Small, but still enough to do the job! Our 2x2 ads are sized to allow our readers to visibly see you content in a small package.

\$350

4x4

Traditional but still a head-turner. Our 4x4 ads are our consistently popular tier. Due to not only it's sizing but positioning in our newsletter.

\$500

Full Page

Do you have an immaculate ad you want to show to the world? Our full page ads allow you to showcase your digital art AND information about your company.

\$700



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Until Next Time!



Thanks for reading!

We hope you all have a safe start to the year and look forward to the content coming from the MASCC.

Do you have any suggestions for us? Email us at midatlanticscc@gmail.com with the subject: ATTN: Newsletter Committee.



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