1. The award will be given annually to a student enrolled full-time at Wichita State University and majoring in either biology, chemistry, geology, or physics in the Fairmount College of Liberal Arts & Science. Majors that are created in the future and which are rooted in the aforementioned disciplines (such as biochemistry or astronomy) will be considered, as well.

2. Awards should be based exclusively on evidence of a candidate’s intellectual acuity, scholarly breadth and achievements in science as an undergraduate. When differentiation between candidates is very difficult, common sense weight might be given to extramural science connected activities and career intentions. To restate, the following matters should have no bearing, pro or con, on award decisions: race, religion, ethnicity, national origin, citizenship, sex, sexual orientation, socio-economic status, marital status, status as a veteran, disability, other academic awards received, need for financial help, or relative frequencies of successful candidates from particular disciplines over the years. The intended focus for the Sarachek Award is on excellence, not simply the best of a particular crop of applicants. In the unlikely event of no truly outstanding candidate appearing in a given year, no award should be made, with the funds reverting to the endowment to enhance availability of increases in award honoraria in future years.

3. Consideration will be given solely on academic merit, based on both a high grade point average (a minimum of a 3.5 cumulative) and quality of mentored research activity or other special scholarly activity in science. Since no scientific research is complete until placed before the larger scientific community for validation through publication or oral presentation in appropriate venues, a candidate’s ability to coherently handle written and spoken language might well have bearing on his or her evaluation.

4. The selection committee will consist of scholarly-active senior research faculty holding named positions in the aforementioned academic departments, along with the chairs of the departments and the physics section. The Dean’s Office of Fairmount College will ensure this committee meets with a reminder issued on March 1 of each year.

5. If the committee is unable to make a decision (in the case of a tie in the vote), the Dean of Fairmount College will be the deciding vote.

6. The award will be a minimum of $5000 each year, and will be presented to a graduating senior during April. The student will also receive a suitable certificate or plaque of recognition.

7. If the endowment payout allows, the award shall be increased by $500 every five years beginning with the fiscal 2020 award.

8. The award will be announced at the spring commencement of Fairmount College, and the recipient will be identified in the program.

9. The Scholarship Office, a department within the Division of Campus Life and University Relations of Wichita State University, will administer the award and make the award based on the recommendation submitted by the aforementioned committee, via the Dean of Fairmount College.

10. This award will not be renewed, and there will be a new recipient each year.