2020 Health Policy Scholarship Available

The American College of Surgeons and The Society of Thoracic Surgeons are offering an annual scholarship to subsidize attendance and participation in the Executive Leadership Program in Health Policy and Management at Brandeis University. The course takes place June 14–20, 2020.

Eligibility

- The award is open to surgeons who are members in good standing of both the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and The Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS). Applicants must be at least 30 years old, but under 55, on the date that the completed application is filed.

General Application Information

- The application is submitted via e-mail to scholarships@facs.org as a single PDF document consisting of:
  1. A cover sheet that includes contact information (name, preferred postal address, e-mail address) and specifies the name of the scholarship: ACS/STS Scholarship
  2. A one-page essay discussing:
     - Why the applicant wishes to receive the scholarship
     - How the scholarship will fill a gap in applicant’s training or experience
     - Goals or plans to use the newly acquired knowledge or skills in his or her practice or community
  3. A current NIH-style biosketch (five-page maximum)

Award Obligations

- The award is in the amount of $8,000, to be used toward the cost of tuition, travel, housing, and subsistence during the period of the course. Indirect costs are not paid to the recipient or to the recipient’s institution.
- The scholarship must be used in the year for which it is designated. It cannot be postponed.
- The Scholar is required to provide one year’s health policy-related assistance to the ACS and the STS, attending meetings, reviewing applications, and participating as a pro tem member of the health policy committee as requested.
- The College anticipates that program alumni will serve as state councilors for the SurgeonsVoice Program, its grassroots initiative aimed at establishing relationships with members of Congress.
- Program alumni will be appointed by STS to serve on its Workforce on Health Policy, Reform, and Advocacy.
- A brief narrative report of the Scholar’s experiences and activities is due at the conclusion of the course. A second and final narrative report is due upon completion of the scholarship period. A simple accounting of how the award stipend was used is also required.

Additional Funding Sources

- Application for this award may be submitted even if comparable application to other organizations has been made. If the recipient accepts a similar scholarship from another agency or organization, the scholarship will be withdrawn. It is the responsibility of the recipient to notify the Scholarships Administrator of the ACS of competing awards.

The closing date for receipt of applications is February 3, 2020, at 11:59 pm Central Time. An awardee will be selected by a committee consisting of members of ACS and STS. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process in April 2020.


Questions may be directed to the ACS Scholarships Administrator at 312-202-5281.

Requirements for the ACS/STS scholarship are also posted on the ACS website at facs.org and the STS website at sts.org.