The American College of Surgeons (ACS) announces the availability of a scholarship for surgeons serving small communities: the Nizar N. Oweida, MD, FACS, Scholarship of the American College of Surgeons.

This program provides up to three awards of $5,000 each to subsidize the participation of a Fellow or Associate Fellow serving a small community. Awardees will either attend Clinical Congress 2020, in Chicago, IL, or may propose a plan for additional training or research appropriate to a rural surgeon.

Eligibility
The Oweida Scholarship is available to an ACS member in any surgical specialty who meets the following requirements:

- Is a Fellow or Associate Fellow under age 55 on the date the application is filed
- Is serving a small town or rural community in the U.S. or Canada

Financial Support
Successful applicants will receive the sum of $5,000, to be used to defray expenses for attendance at the Clinical Congress or for the approved training or research opportunity. Cost categories include travel expenses, lodging and per diem, registration, and course fees.

- Scholars will make their own travel arrangements.
- Awardees will be selected following review and evaluation of applications received.

Grant Application Information
- Applicants must submit a fully completed online application form provided by the College on its website.
- Awardees may use their award stipend to either:
  - Attend Clinical Congress or
  - Execute a well-defined proposal for travel or research to improve his or her performance as a rural surgeon. Applicants must provide information regarding their work setting, including their hospital and the patients they see, as well as their participation in quality improvement activities in this setting. They must also indicate their career goals, indicating how they plan to transfer their newly acquired learning to their current situation.
- Applicants must attach a one- to two-page essay discussing the following specific topics:
  - The opportunity for which the applicant is applying (Clinical Congress attendance or a personal training or research project)
  - The applicant’s reasons for submitting an application
  - The applicant’s qualifications for the scholarship
  - The applicant’s current practice in a rural or small community

Award Obligations
- The Oweida Scholarships must be used in the year for which they are designated. They cannot be postponed.
- The Oweida Scholars will provide a narrative and financial report of their experiences at the conclusion of their awarded activity.

Applications are due no later than April 15 2020. All applicants will be notified of the outcome of the selection process in May 2020.

Questions can be directed to the ACS Scholarships Administrator at scholarships@facs.org or 312-202-5281.