

Dr. Hilary Carman
Honorary Secretary
Dermatological Society of South Africa
SOUTH AFRICA



Dear Dr. Carman:

For many years, the American Academy of Dermatology has sponsored a free registration program in the interest of furthering the relationships of the Academy with dermatologists and dermatological societies throughout the world. The program, which is administered by the Academy's International Affairs Committee, is designed to give one or two young dermatologists from other countries an opportunity to attend the Annual Meeting of the Academy. The 69th Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Dermatology will be held February 4-8 2011 in New Orleans, LA.

Please note that this scholarship is different from the Academy's Annual Meeting Poster Exhibit Scholarship, administered by the World Congress Fund Review Task Force.

I am writing to you now to ask you and your colleagues to nominate up to two candidates for this program. If you are not the appropriate individual to receive this mailing, please forward it to the current Secretary or President of your dermatological society. The Academy will waive the non-member registration fee for this program. The selected individuals will also be provided with complimentary tuition to a one or two-day postgraduate course of their choice (subject to availability of space in the course). **These scholarships are available only to those individuals who have not received a previous registration scholarship from this program.**

I want to stress that the award is only for free registration and one course. The Academy does not, under any circumstance, provide grants for travel or housing to supplement this program and is not in a position to seek such funds for the awardees. Therefore, you must be sure those selected have adequate funds for travel and housing. Also, since the entire program is in English and there are no simultaneous translation facilities, attendees should be able to understand spoken English.

In the interest of making certain that all eligible individuals in your country are aware of this program, I am asking you to disseminate this information widely so that you can select individuals from various departments and geographic regions in your country. However, please remember that a maximum of two names should be submitted and that we request that they be young dermatologists starting their career in dermatology.

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In determining nominations, you may use whatever mechanism you choose. However, it is important to note that your nomination does not mean that an award is automatically granted. All nominations will be reviewed and selection of awardees will be based upon merit.

An online form is available on the AAD website at: <http://www.aad.org/ScholarshipOpportunities> for your Society to submit its nominations. Please note that you will need to create a login account in order to submit nominees. Nomination forms must be submitted by an Officer of your Society, along with letters of endorsement for each nominated physician.

Nominees must also submit an application on the AAD website at <http://www.aad.org/scholarshipopportunities/>. They will also need to create a login account to submit their applications.

All nominations and applications must be submitted online by **September 1, 2010**.

If you have difficulty submitting a nominee, please contact Coura Badiane, International Affairs Specialist, at cbadiane@aad.org. Registration materials and information will be provided to the successful applicants in October.

Sincerely yours,

Roy S. Rogers, III, M.D.
Chair, International Affairs Committee

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CC: Coura Badiane, International Affairs Specialist

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