2018 Scholarship Available

The American College of Surgeons and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract 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 3–9, 2018. 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.

General policies covering the granting of the scholarship are:

- The award is open to non-resident surgeon members in good standing of both the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the Society for Surgery of the Alimentary Tract (SSAT). Applicants must be at least 30 years old, but under 60, on the date that the completed application is filed.
- The award is to be used to support the recipient during the period of the scholarship. Indirect costs are not paid to the recipient or to the recipient's institution.
- Applications for this scholarship consist of the following items, submitted in this order as a single PDF:
  1. Cover sheet
     - Applicant name
     - Applicant's preferred mailing address
     - Applicant's e-mail
     - Name of scholarship: ACS/SSAT Scholarship
  2. 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. Applicant's current curriculum vitae (10 pages or fewer, please)
- 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 If the recipient accepts a similar scholarship from another agency or organization, the scholarship will be withdrawn.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 Section of ACS, which administers this award, of competing awards.
- The scholarship must be used in the year for which it is designated. It cannot be postponed.
- The Scholars are required to provide one year's health policy-related assistance to the ACS and the SSAT, 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.
- A brief report of the Scholar’s experiences and activities is due at the conclusion of the course and of the scholarship period. A simple accounting is also required.

* The SSAT requires the Scholar to actively participate on the SSAT Public Policy and Advocacy Committee, including but not exclusive to taking part in the Society's advocacy.
** A detailed report of how the scholar has applied the knowledge gained at the course is due one year after completion of the course.