

HeFSSA Travel Scholarship “Enhancing Heart Failure Management in South Africa”

Introduction

The HeFSSA executive committee has established the **HeFSSA Travel Scholarship** as part of its contribution towards optimising patient care and to enhance local Heart Failure expertise. We believe that this will expand knowledge and broaden your expertise in heart failure management. We also hope that this experience will help you to develop educational programmes at your medical institution and to share the acquired knowledge with your colleagues.

Value - R75,000 has been set aside for this program annually.

Two travel grants will be awarded annually. Each grant could be used towards airfare, registration, transfers, and accommodation to a maximum value of R37,500 each.

Eligibility

Candidates may be a medical practitioner in the public or private sector (i.e. a cardiologist, physician, internal medicine or cardiology fellow or similar) or researcher (basic scientist in heart failure). Applicants must be paid-up SA Heart and HeFSSA members. The programme/course/conference needs to be internationally or locally accredited and focussed on promoting knowledge of Heart Failure. Preference will be given to those presenting at the meeting (congress) and or has an accepted abstract. Involvement in HeFSSA activities such as presenting at local educational meetings will also be a consideration. Prior recipients will not be allegeable.

Application

Application must be submitted to the HeFSSA travel scholarship portal. HeFSSA office will confirm receipt by return e-mail. Application for this award does not guarantee the applicant will receive the award and no correspondence will be entertained after a decision is made. The applicant will be notified of the outcome of the application within four weeks of receipt. Awards will be made on a first submitted - first considered basis with no more than 2 awards per annum (at maximum funding).

Process and Terms

The recipient may make own arrangements, pay and claim back from the society with necessary proof documents or could work with the society office to secure airfare (most cost- and time effective routing) and accommodation that allow attendance of the academic program. Recipient needs to register with the congress (if not waived) and claim back from the society office. The recipient needs to secure a VISA (if required) and travel documents as needed. Refunds will be paid up to the maximum grant amount as awarded.

Post Meeting

Within one month of returning from the conference, the recipient must submit the official CPD congress certificate and an evaluation/review/report of the course content. This report can reflect on key lectures and late-breaking trials, as well as other sessions attended, which will impact on your practice including some photos. The purpose of this report is to share knowledge gained that could impact on colleagues' practices. This report could be included in SA Heart and or HeFSSA Newsletter.

HeFSSA strongly recommends that the recipient create opportunity to give feedback (lecture) at appropriate educational forums to colleagues (please confirm when these take place).

Should the recipient not attend the conference or fail to submit feedback report, HeFSSA reserves the right to request repayment of any monies paid.