



## Dietitians in Nutrition Support



A DIETETIC PRACTICE GROUP OF  
THE AMERICAN DIETETIC ASSOCIATION  
*Your link to nutrition and health.™*

Dear DNS Member,

The Dietitians in Nutrition Support (DNS) Professional Development Scholarships are designed to assist members in obtaining continuing education by attending educational programs or post-graduate courses. Each year, there are four scholarships available: 2 in the fall for \$1250 and \$1000 each and 2 in the spring for \$1250 and \$1000 each. The upcoming application deadlines are 5/15/2008 and 11/15/2008. The DNS Nominating Committee will notify scholarship applicants of the status of their application in late early June and November respectively.

Application criteria: To receive a Professional Development Scholarship, you must be a member of the American Dietetic Association and DNS Practice Group for at least two consecutive years prior to your application and at the time of the award. In addition, you must be employed in a position with nutrition support responsibilities. Factors that are considered when scoring the applications include the extent to which:

- 1) you are employed in a position with responsibilities in nutrition support
- 2) the program is relevant the mission, goals and vision of DNS
- 3) objectives for attending the meeting or post-graduate course are clearly stated
- 4) the meeting/course is relevant to achieving your career goals
- 5) the meeting/course is relevant to your professional goals and objectives
- 6) the meeting/course will impact your professional practice and enhance your competency

To apply for a scholarship, return an electronic copy of the completed application form (via email) along with information about the meeting/course you wish to attend. Alternatively, you can mail 3 copies of the completed application form, a copy of the program brochure, and a statement of registration and related fees to me at 629 Aloha Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.

Scholarship recipients must submit a summary of the program and benefits derived from attendance. This summary may be published on the DNS website or in a DNS publication, as deemed appropriate by the DNS Executive Committee.

I look forward to receiving your application for a Professional Development Scholarship. If you have any questions, contact me at any time.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Thompson PhD, RD, CNSD  
DNS Nominating Committee Chair  
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**APPLICATION FORM FOR DNS PROFESSIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT SCHOLARSHIP**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ ADA MEMBERSHIP # \_\_\_\_\_

SOCIAL SECURITY # \_\_\_\_\_ DNS MEMBER \_\_\_\_\_ (#OF YEARS)

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION/TITLE \_\_\_\_\_

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM/EVENT/POST-GRADUATE COURSE TO BE ATTENDED  
\_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF PROGRAM/COURSE \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL FUNDS AVAILABLE TO YOU FOR THIS PROGRAM \$ \_\_\_\_\_

BRIEF STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY OF PROGRAM TO YOUR PROFESSIONAL GOALS

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Along with this form, include a typewritten statement, not to exceed 3 pages in length (double spaced), describing the extent of your current job responsibilities related to nutrition support, your career goals, specific objectives for attending the program/event, and how the program will impact your practice (see scoring criteria above). The statement must also include an estimate of how funds will be used, a timetable for the program, and a statement of agreement to submit a written report of the program attended within 30 days of attendance.

Please send an electronic version of the application packet to the Nominating Committee Chair, Cheryl Thompson, at [nominating.committee.chair@dnsdpg.org](mailto:nominating.committee.chair@dnsdpg.org) or [cwthompson@hotmail.com](mailto:cwthompson@hotmail.com). Alternatively, you can mail 3 copies of the application materials to Cheryl at 629 Aloha Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84103.