

**DIETITIANS IN NUTRITION SUPPORT
APPLICATION FOR DNS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP**

Dear DNS member,

Thank you for your interest in the Dietitians in Nutrition Support (DNS) Student Scholarship. Details about the scholarship are outlined below and an application form is enclosed. The DNS Student Scholarship is designed to enable an undergraduate or graduate student in a CADE-accredited program in dietetics/nutrition or a dietetic intern to attend the annual ADA meeting, Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo (FNCE) or an alternative nutrition support conference (e.g. Clinical Nutrition week, DNS symposium or local parenteral or enteral nutrition support conference). The goal of the scholarship is to foster mentoring of the future leaders of nutrition support dietetics by existing practitioners. Inspiring and motivating students to share the expertise of mentors serves as a bridge to the future of the profession. The ADA FNCE or alternative nutrition support conference provides an excellent opportunity for the student to be exposed to all the various fields of practice in nutrition support dietetics. Through the participation and visibility of DNS at FNCE or Nutrition Week functions, the scholarship recipient will receive special insight into the mission and initiatives of DNS and ADA.

Qualification criteria for students (at the time of scholarship application):

- Currently enrolled in a CADE-accredited didactic or supervised practice program, which enables the individual to become credentialed as a registered dietitian.
- The student must be an active student member of the ADA but is not required to be an active member of the DNS DPG.
- The student must **NOT** be credentialed as a Registered Dietitian by the Commission on Dietetic Registration, at the time of application
- Each student applicant must be nominated by an individual who has been a member of DNS for two consecutive years prior to the year of the nomination.
- The scholarship recipient will receive a paid registration to the FNCE or other conference chosen by the applicant as long as it is deemed appropriate by the DNS selection committee. In addition, a \$500.00 stipend will be given to help offset travel expenses.
- The scholarship recipient must attend FNCE or alternative conference during the year in which the scholarship is awarded to receive these funds.

Nomination procedure:

- The DNS member submitting the nomination must have been a member of DNS for two consecutive years prior to the year of the nomination.
- The DNS member will write a 1-2 page (double-spaced) letter indicating the reasons for nominating the student and describing the mentor/student relationship.
- The student must complete the application form available from (see below).
- The student will submit a 1-2 page (double-spaced) paper addressing the following questions (be as specific as possible):
 - What are your career goals?
 - How will attending the FNCE or alternative conference help you to accomplish these goals?
 - What programs and activities do you plan to attend and why?
 - How would you describe your interest in the field of nutrition support?
 - What role do you foresee DNS playing in achieving your career goals?
 - What are the benefits of your mentor/student relationship?
 - How will the scholarship funds be utilized, and are additional sources of funding available to you?
- The student's letter, the letter of nomination by the DNS member, and the application form must be received prior to the application deadline. Submit one copy electronically or three copies via mail the Nominating Committee Chair: Cheryl Thompson, 629 Aloha Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84103; cwthompson@hotmail.com or nominating.committee.chair@dnsdpg.org
- Nominations must be received by the Nominating Committee Chair no later than May 15, 2008. Recipients will be notified within 45 days of the application deadline.

After attending the conference:

Within 30 days of attending the FNCE or selected conference, the student will submit the following to the DNS Nominating Committee Chair:

1. Verification of attendance at selected conference
2. A written summary of at least three different sessions attended by the student
 - a. The summary should include at least two bulleted items of information/knowledge learned from each session.
 - b. An excerpt or summary of the student's experience may be published in a DNS publication or posted on the DNS website.
 - c. Encouraging students to write and publish for professional education is designed to expand the mentoring experience and develop the student's writing skills for continued contributions to the field of dietetics and nutrition support.

STUDENT INFORMATION

Name of student _____

Social Security # (must be provided before funds are awarded) _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip code _____

Phone # _____ ADA Membership # _____

University/Internship/Professional Program _____

City/State/Zip Code _____

Expected Graduation Date _____ Expected RD eligibility date _____

DNS MEMBER INFORMATION

Name of DNS Member _____ ADA Membership # _____

Number of years in DNS _____ Position/Title _____

Place of Employment _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip code _____ Phone # _____

Relationship to student _____

Return the application form, the letter written by the DNS member nominating the student, and the letter written by the student on/before the application deadline of May 15, 2008. Send the completed packet to Cheryl W. Thompson PhD, RD, CNSD. (Electronic submission is preferred: cwthompson@hotmail.com or nominating.committee.chair@nsdpg.org). If sending by postal mail, use address: 629 Aloha Road, Salt Lake City, UT 84103. Please return the original and three copies of each of the following: the application form, the letter written by the DNS member nominating the student, and the letter written by the student.