



IFSO SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES 2016

IFSO offers 4 Scholarships to IFSO members in good standing who show strong interests and accomplishments in bariatric surgery and/or other obesity related specialties.

The applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat (info@ifso.com) by **June 15th 2016**.

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of: **\$2,500** + the registration in the IFSO Annual World Congress in Rio (Brazil) with public recognition of their presence + 1 ticket to the Gala dinner.

The requirements are:

- Applicants must be IFSO Members in good standing, graduates of schools of medicine and/or other associated disciplines
- Applicants must demonstrate interest in bariatric surgery and/or other allied health disciplines
- Applications will be accepted only if the applicants have been in surgical or other bariatric surgery related specialties practice for a minimum of one year at their intended permanent location, after completion of all formal training (including fellowships/other scholarships)
- Applicants must be under 40 years old, in his/her training period, or, at the date of the application no more than 5 years have to be passed after finishing their training period
- Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior academic appointments

Applicants must submit the following documents:

- 1) A type-written in English Curriculum Vitae (no more than 2 pages) with a list of publications.
- 2) A recommendation letter from an IFSO member in good standing (mentor)
- 3) A type-written in English Personal Statement describing the applicants past and present contributions to bariatric surgery and their plans for the future (no longer than 1 side of a page).
- 4) Applicants must have at least one abstract accepted at the world congress of the year of their application. Their abstracts will be evaluated by the Scholarship Committee.

Applicants who are awarded the Scholarships are expected to provide afterwards (within 2 months) a full report of their experience at the IFSO World Congress.

The applications must be sent to IFSO's secretariat with the requested documentations.

The applicants will be informed about the assignment, at latest two weeks after the deadline, by the Secretariat by email and will have to provide their bank details for the bank transfer.