



IFSO SCHOLARSHIPS GUIDELINES

One of the main goals of IFSO is IFSO's main activity is the organization of the annual World Congress, which provides a forum to exchange knowledge on surgical treatment of severely obese patients, to present new techniques, research and concepts, and to meet the experts in the field. Following this aim, IFSO offers 3 Scholarships to competent surgeons, from Countries whose Obesity Surgical Societies are members of IFSO and show strong interests and accomplishments in bariatric surgery and/or other obesity related specialties.

The applications must be sent in writing to IFSO Secretariat (secretariat@ifso.com) by **June 10th 2012**.

Each Scholarship offers a stipend of: **2.500,00 US dollars** + the registration in the IFSO Annual World Congress with public recognition of their presence.

The requirements are:

- Applicants must be 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 when the applicants have been in surgical or other 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 IFSO members in good standing under 40 years old
- Applicants whose careers are in the developing stage are deemed more suitable than those who are serving in senior academic appointments
- Applicants must submit a type-written in English Curriculum Vitae (*no more than 2 pages*)
- Applicants must provide a list of their publications (*if available*)
- Applicants who are awarded the Scholarships are expected to provide afterwards (within 2 months) a full report of their experience

The Presidents of the member societies are kindly requested to inform their members about the rules and the requirements to apply for a Scholarship.

The applications must be sent to IFSO's secretariat: secretariat@ifso.com with the requested documentations.

The received applications will be examined by an *ad hoc* "Scholarship Committee" composed by: the President, the President elect and 3 members of the Scientific Committee, which will assign the Scholarships.

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

IFSO's Secretariat