



2017 SUSAN SKINNER MEMORIAL FUND SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION

DEADLINE: JUNE 15, 2017

The Susan Skinner Memorial Fund (SSMF) Scholarship was established in 2007 by the World Federation of Hemophilia USA (WFH USA) to support the training of women with bleeding disorders, or who are carriers, who have the potential to be future leaders in the bleeding disorder community. Two (2) scholarships are being offered to two (2) exceptional and deserving young female candidates from the United States. The recipients will be funded to attend all of the following:

WFH Global National Member Organization Training (GNMOT)

May 17-19, 2018

These three-day workshops, held before the WFH World Congress for national member organizations of the WFH, include capacity-building sessions for patient organizations in both developed and developing countries. Youth issues, succession planning, and leadership are among the essential components of this program.

WFH World Congress

May 20-24, 2018

The WFH World Congress is the single largest event in the WFH calendar, and is very important to the global bleeding disorders community. Every second year doctors, scientists, healthcare workers, people with bleeding disorders, and hemophilia organizations gather to learn, discuss, and debate the latest developments in bleeding disorders treatment and contribute to a strong global organization and community.

WFH Annual Meeting of the General Assembly

May 25, 2018

Held every two years following the WFH World Congress, this formal meeting (by invitation only) brings together the leaders of the WFH's national member organizations (NMO) to discuss and vote on items such as the WFH Constitution, WFH Board membership, new NMOs, and future Congress bids.

CRITERIA

Applicants must meet the following criteria in order to be considered:

- Be between 18 & 30 years old on or before May 17, 2018
- Be a female with hemophilia, von Willebrand disease, other bleeding disorder, or be a carrier
- Demonstrate leadership or strong leadership potential
- Have a can-do attitude
- Be able to communicate and work in English (Spanish is an asset)
- Have been an active volunteer of her hemophilia organization for at least the past year
- Be committed to working with her hemophilia organization for at least the next two years after completing the training
- Not have participated in any previous WFH World Congress
- Not have been a previous SSMF scholarship winner

APPLICATION CHECKLIST

Please make sure to forward all completed forms at the same time.

- SSMF Application – Part 1: Applicants
 - Upload recent curriculum vitae or resume (2 pages maximum)
 - Upload one (1) letter of recommendation (for example, from an employer or other institution where the applicant has worked, volunteered or studied. This letter may not come from a Chapter, current NHF staff, or a family member/friend)

- SSMF Application – Part 2: Chapters
 - Note: Executive Directors, Camp Directors, Program Directors, and other chapter staff are eligible to complete Part 2 of the SSMF application.

DEADLINE:

Applications must be submitted or postmarked by Thursday, June 15, 2017. It is your responsibility to ensure that the chapter completes the referral form by Thursday, June 15, 2017, as well. Your application will not be considered complete until we receive all application materials. Late or incomplete applications will not be considered. The winners will be announced at the NHF Official Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on August 26, 2017.

THE SSMF SCHOLARSHIP AWARD INCLUDES:

Transportation and Travel

- Return economy class round trip airfare from the winner's U.S. location to Glasgow, Scotland
- Ground Transportation on arrival from Glasgow airport to the GNMOT hotel
- Transfer from the GNMOT to the Congress hotel
- Daily shuttle service to/from the Congress hotel and Convention Centre

Accommodations

- Shared hotel accommodations during GNMOT, Congress, and the WFH Annual Meeting of the General Assembly (May 16-25)
- Note: Single rooms are available for an additional cost; more information will be available

Meals

- Meals during the GNMOT
- Congress Banquet Dinner

Registration

- GNMOT, WFH Congress, and WFH Annual Meeting of the General Assembly registration

Additional Services

- A treatment room and medical personnel will be on-site at each event

Items NOT covered by the SSMF Scholarship:

- Transportation between your home and the airport
- Visa fees (if applicable)
- Medical and Travel insurance (it is mandatory that you obtain both of these)
- Hotel room incidentals e.g. :internet access, telephone calls, laundry, room service or pay-per-view movies
- Meals during Congress (*Breakfast is included at your hotel*)
- Costs associated with early arrivals or late departures unless otherwise approved by WFH USA

Please forward completed applications and inquiries to Marlee Whetten, NHF Education Specialist, at mwhetten@hemophilia.org or (212) 328-3735.

PART 1: To be completed by the applicant

Name of Applicant: _____

Date of Birth: Month: _____ Day: _____ Year: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Email address: _____

Phone: (_____) _____

Applicant's bleeding disorder type or carrier status and severity (please provide as much information as you can so that we may properly accommodate your meals, travel and hotel):

Additional Medical Information (do you have allergies, mobility needs, or other medical needs we should know to properly accommodate your meals, travel and hotel?):

ESSAYS:

Please answer the following essay questions and attach your responses to this application. You may write as much as you wish.

1. ***Why should you be selected as a Susan Skinner Memorial Fund Scholar?***
2. ***Why would you like to participate in the WFH Global NMO Training, WFH World Congress, and the WFH Annual Meeting of the General Assembly?***
3. ***What will be your future involvement with your hemophilia organization?***

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS:

Please be sure to include the following along with these forms, as incomplete applications will not be considered:

- **Recent curriculum vitae or resume for the applicant** (2 pages maximum)
- **One (1) letter of recommendation** (for example, from an employer or other institution where the applicant has worked volunteered or studied. This letter may not come from your Chapter, current NHF staff, or a family member/friend)

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Applicants: Please submit completed Part 1 applications to Marlee Whetten at mwhetten@hemophilia.org or send via mail by JUNE 15, 2017 to:

*National Hemophilia Foundation
ATTN: Marlee Whetten, SSMF 2017
7 Penn Plaza, Suite 1204
New York, NY 10001*

PART 2: To be completed by the Chapter

Your Name:

Chapter Name:

Your Role at Chapter:

IS RECOMMENDING THE FOLLOWING APPLICANT

Name of Applicant:

Applicant's bleeding disorder type or carrier status and severity:

SHORT ANSWERS:

Please answer the following questions and attach your responses to this application. You may write as much as you wish.

- 1. How long has the applicant been active in your organization?**
- 2. What positions has the applicant held during the above mentioned time period?**
- 3. Describe the applicant's current involvement in your organization.**
- 4. How will the applicant be involved with your organization in the future?**
- 5. Any other comments?**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Chapter staff: Please submit completed Part 2 applications to Marlee Whetten at mwhetten@hemophilia.org or send via mail by JUNE 15, 2017 to:

*National Hemophilia Foundation
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7 Penn Plaza, Suite 1204
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