Scholarship report

May 14, 2014

This year we changed the format but offered the same scholarships. The format was on-line applications and electronic submissions in addition to paper submissions. This created a back-up system and made applying easier for students. Information on Richard Kearns and Gloria Dodd and Pedro Rivera was submitted to be posted on website. Scholarships were offered to vet students at all US, Canadian, and Caribbean Veterinary Colleges.

Funding sources were as follows:

$12,457 from silent auction and Crystal raffle less administrative fees and credit card fees

$1000- Twila Floyd for Sharon Willoughby Blake Commemorative Scholarship

$1500 Joanne Stefanatos for Richard Kearns Scholarship

$1500 Joanne Stefanatos for Gloria Dodd Research Scholarship

$ 1500 Scott and Terry Garmon for the Vet Classics Scholarship in the name of Pedro Rivera

$3000 fro Natasha Lily for the Cal-Poly Integrative Medicine Scholarship

We had 43 applicants from 21 colleges this year. Winners have been selected and notified.

|  |
| --- |
|  |
| Education schol 2014 | REBECCA | BERKOWITZ |
| Education schol 2014 | KATHRYN | BIESER |
| Education schol 2014 | SCHARLET | KELLY |
| Education schol 2014 | **SUE** | **MOWATT** |
| Education schol 2014 | **AMANDA** | **SLOCUM** |
| Education schol 2014 | ALEXANDER | WAROFF |
| Willoughby/Blake Schol | SHARON | WEATHERSPOON-SALES |
| Cal/Poly Integrative | ROXANNE | SMITH |
| Cal/Poly Integrative | FERRIN | PETERSON |
|  |  |  |
| Gloria Dodd Research | RACHEL | KEARNS |
| Vet Classics /Pedro Rivera | MARGOT | MERCER |
| Richard Kearns Schol | KYLE | RUEDINGER |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |

Sources of funding:

1.)Individual members

2.) Corporate

3.)Donations to general foundation funds earmarked for scholarships

4) Silent auction- at conference

Goals for 2015 scholarships:

1. Contact all exhibitors, past and current for opportunity to donate towards scholarship fund.
2. Support for silent auction
3. Thank current supporters
4. Inform membership of opportunity to support scholarship and students via individual scholarships and silent auction support.
5. Keep information on the website for students current. ( AHVMA website has a link to outdated student website, and scholarship info posted from Kansas City meeting- 18 months expired. Also, the info for pet owners takes you to error messages on each entry. On AHVMF website student scholarships are under “what we support” and may be difficult to find. The applications for 2014 scholarships are still posted. I would suggest a note saying the deadline is past and to please check back after January 1 for 2015 offerings. Also maybe a “click here to donate toward student scholarships” in this section.)

Why are scholarships a vital part of our mission?

1. They bring students to the conference for exposure to an unparalleled education opportunity
2. They bring younger members into the association
3. They bring new customers to exhibitors
4. They help student chapters by planting seeds in schools with no SAHVMA clubs
5. The student essays provide valuable insight into the educational programs at vet colleges
6. Support research in holistic medicine- Gloria Dodd research scholarship

Board action needed on these items:

1. Revise Scholarship committee protocol to separate SAHVMA from the Foundation.
2. Clarify financial arrangements with SAHVMA chapters and delegate program
3. Create a fundraising committee to educate and gain support from corporate supporters for scholarships and SAHVMA.
4. Please donate to the silent auction to support our students!

Sincerely, Marge Lewter, DVM