



The AbbVie Scholarship in Anaesthesia

A. Description

- The scholarship is the result of a partnership between AbbVie (Pty) Ltd and the South African Society of Anaesthesiologists (SASA), and will provide financial assistance to eligible postgraduate students, and medical officers in the public service, to further their training in anaesthesia.

B. Objectives

- To provide support to promising and needy anaesthesia registrars in training in a sustainable manner.
- To identify, attract and retain previously disadvantaged students into the specialty and profession, especially from the Medical Officer environment.
- To further the interest of Academic Anaesthesia and identify and retain high quality, academically strong, postgraduate students in the academic environment.
- Generally, to contribute to an environment conducive for training in anaesthesia

C. Eligibility

- The scholarship is open to all **registered** South African postgraduate students from all medical schools, Community Service Medical Officers and Medical Officers registered for independent practice at any academic hospital in South Africa. Registered postgraduate students from SADEC countries studying at a South African University may also apply.

- Anaesthesia registrars at all levels of training. **The recipient shall be obliged to become a SASA trainee member, if not a member on application. No funds will be transferred before SASA membership is verified.**
- Medical Officers

D. The Scholarship

- Size of award: This will be reviewed on an annual basis and is subject to change without prior notification to prospective applicants. An amount up to and not exceeding R12, 500.00 (Twelve thousand five hundred rand only) will be offered per successful application per annum.
- Number of awards: A maximum of 15 (fifteen) awards will be granted per annum, including new and repeat awards.
- Frequency of award: New scholarships will be awarded annually at the SASA National Congress. Recipients registration fees for the Congress will be waived.
- Repeat awards: Awards may be repeated annually limited to 4 (four) awards per recipient or by completion of registrar time. A new application will have to be submitted annually with proof of satisfactory academic progress.
- Administration: Administration of the scholarship will rest in the SASA Abbvie Scholarship Committee.
- Applications: All applications (in writing) to be addressed to:

**The SASA National Secretary
Abbvie Scholarship in Anaesthesia
PO Box 1935
Durban
4000**

and emailed to sasa@sasaweb.com

- Closing date: The closing dates for applications are **October 31st** of each year.
- Endorsement: All applications must be supported (in writing) by the applicant's Head of Department (or their delegated representative).
- Applications to include:

- Application form with all information requested provided. Incomplete application forms shall be automatically disqualified.
- Applicants Curriculum Vitae
- Essay stating the reason why the Scholarship should be awarded to the applicant

E. Evaluation Criteria

The applications for this scholarship shall be evaluated against the following criteria:

Main Category	Sub-Category	Main Category Weighting	Sub-Category Weighting
Limited financial support		25	
	Current earnings (higher points for lower earnings)		7,5
	Current student loan debt (higher points for higher debt)		7,5
	Family income range (partners and parents and defined as family) (higher points for lower income)		5
	Other current bursaries/scholarships/grants (lower points for higher other grants/scholarships etc.)		5
Academically strong		20	
	Have a DA - 7,5 points for Yes, 0 points for No		7,5
	Med School history		5
	Any other qualifications and certificates - have you worked to improve academic standing in anaesthesiology/medicine?		2,5
	HOD opinion on candidates academic strength and work ethic		5
Previously disadvantaged		10	
	Race/gender		3
	Disability - 1 point for any disability indicated		1

	High School (higher points for more disadvantaged schooling)		6
Commitment to profession (past and future)		20	
	HOD opinion - contribution to department		5
	Membership of SASA - This is a disqualifying criteria		5
	Active Participation in SARFA		5
	Community service choices (higher points for willingness to serve in rural or disadvantaged areas)		5
	Community activities		5
Motivation, in their own words		20	
	Ability to communicate		5
	Sense of the person and their motivation		5
	Sense of commitment		5
	Sense of ability to promote their own career		5

F. Conditions / Report

- The scholarship may be used to offset costs relating to examination fees, training aids, congress attendance or clinical research.
- All beneficiaries of the AbbVie Scholarship in Anaesthesia will be required to submit a letter of acceptance, acknowledge receipt of funds, and advise the National Secretary on how the funds were utilised.
- An annual report, in case of repeat awards, will have to be submitted.
- SASA reserves the right to make independent enquiries about a student's academic progress, or conduct.
- Awards may be reduced or withdrawn at any time if, the work or conduct of a scholarship holder is considered unsatisfactory.
- Awards are fully repayable should scholarship holders change, fail, discontinue or terminate the study programme at any stage during the year in which the award has been granted.

- In the interests of furthering education, the recipients may be required to share their experiences, new knowledge or research activities with their colleagues at an appropriate forum or in a SASA publication.
- The recipient of a 4 year award must undertake to spend at least 2 years following graduation, practicing anaesthesia in Southern Africa.