
Objective

Provide travel funding for full-time graduate students to attend the NMC Annual Meeting and encourage their participation in NMC activities.

NMC Scholars Eligibility Requirements

Applicants must be an NMC member (for more information, go to www.nmconline.org/membership.html).

Applicants must be a graduate student enrolled full time at a college or university in a dairy, animal or veterinary science, microbiology or related program at the time of application deadline, with an area of interest that includes mastitis control and quality milk production.

Procedures

Submit the following:

- Completed application form, including school, mailing address, email address, phone and fax numbers of applicant, and faculty reference.
- One-page interest statement including:
 - Why are you interested in controlling mastitis and improving milk quality?
 - What are your career goals?
 - Why do you want to attend the NMC Annual Meeting?
 - If currently working on a research project, discuss how the project will enhance milk quality.
- One recommendation letter from a faculty member or department head.
- Additional information (limited to one additional page), such as schools attended, list of awards, honors, scholarships, etc.

Application must be completed in English and received by July 31, 2009.

Applications and other required materials must be sent electronically via email. Faxed or mailed applications will not be accepted.

An email confirmation will be sent within 72 hours of receipt of completed application.

Applicants will receive an email regarding the selection committee's decision by September 4, 2009.

Other Requirements and Information

Selection priority will be given to applicants who have not attended a previous NMC Annual Meeting. At least two recipients each year will be students enrolled as graduate students in a university or college outside the United States and Canada.

The scholarship is not transferable to another student or faculty member.

Previous NMC Scholars are eligible to apply, but preference will be given to those who have not previously won.

Successful applicants are encouraged to present a poster or give an oral presentation, but it is not a requirement for participation in the Scholars Program.

Award recipients are required to submit a summary of their NMC Annual Meeting experience for publication in the NMC newsletter *Udder Topics*.

Award recipients will be responsible for making their own flight arrangements using the designated NMC travel agent, and securing proper documentation, including passport and visa, if required.

Total award for a student enrolled at a university:

- in the United States or Canada shall not exceed \$1,500
- outside the United States and Canada shall not exceed \$2,500

Email application form and supporting documents to: scholarship@nmconline.org.

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