



LGVMA Veterinary Technician Student Scholarship Guidelines 2009

The Lesbian and Gay Veterinary Medical Association (LGVMA) has started a pilot program to award one scholarship to an outstanding veterinary technician student who supports our mission and shows leadership in the field of veterinary technology.

LGVMA is a United States and Canadian organization of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgendered veterinarians, veterinary students, technicians and their supporters. The organization works to provide support for individuals, to educate the community, and to provide a forum for information exchange and social interaction to foster a professional climate in which its members can achieve their full potential.

Criteria for Awards

Applicants for these scholarships should demonstrate evidence of one or more of the following criteria:

- Recognition of the importance of the human-animal bond.
- Commitment to improving the environment and level of veterinary care in all communities, including (but not limited to) lesbian and gay pet-owners, diversity in veterinary medicine education and community, and pet guardians with immunosuppressive conditions such as individuals on chemotherapy and/or people with HIV/AIDS.
- Commitment to improving the educational environment of veterinary technician students and to advancing equality among all groups of the veterinary community.
- Outstanding community and/or school service.
- Commitment to the role of veterinary medicine in public health programs and issues of public policy.

Scholarships are given without regard to recipient's sexual orientation or any other non-merit factor. Amount of award and number of awards shall be determined each year by the Board of Directors of LGVMA. This year we will offer one scholarship award of \$750 for a qualified veterinary technician student applicant to be announced in September.

Eligibility

Previous recipients of scholarships may apply each year showing continued commitment to the award criteria.

- 1) Each applicant should be enrolled full-time in an accredited program (supported by the AVMA and CVMA) in Canada or the United States leading directly to a veterinary technician degree or equivalent at the time of the award date. The Scholarship Committee may waive this requirement for any student who may have medical or other special circumstances that cause a temporary disruption in their veterinary education. Such applicants must present evidence of these circumstances, including plans for completion of their veterinary education.
- 2) The student may not be the spouse/partner/child or have any other familial connection with any LGVMA officer, Director, or member of the Scholarship Committee with the exception of student representatives serving on the Board of Directors or those individuals approved by the board.

Application

Applications must be typed, double-spaced, and submitted to the address below, postmarked no later than July 15, 2009 or submitted via email to: lgvma@lgvma.org by **July 15, 2009**.

All information will be kept strictly confidential. Decisions of the Scholarship Committee will be final. All applicants will be notified after the LGVMA annual meeting in July. Applying for these awards implies your consent for the LGVMA to use your name in publicity releases, posting on the LGVMA website, and listings in the LGVMA newsletter.

Each application packet must be in English and consist of:

- Applicant's full name, and name as you would like it to be listed in print, if different.
- Email address.
- Mailing address during summer, 2009.
- Mailing address during school year (if different).
- Expected year of graduation from veterinary technician program.
- An essay or statement stating why you are applying and why you deserve this award. Please refer to the above criteria for guidance in writing this statement. Statement should not exceed 500 words.
- A current transcript or other reasonable proof of school attendance. For transcripts, at least one should be marked "official." Other proofs may be copies.
- A statement attesting that you meet the two eligibility requirements listed at left.

Optional:

References are not required for those applying. However, references may be helpful to the scholarship committee and might be contacted to provide support for the application. For applicants providing references, we suggest that at least one reference be a faculty member and/or an LGVMA member.

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Submit applications to: lgvma@lgvma.org

OR to: LGVMA Technician Scholarship Committee, 584 Castro St., Suite 492, San Francisco, CA 94114