

# DICK CLARKE SCHOLARSHIP

## **HISTORY**

Mr Dick Clarke is the Program Director at the National Baromedical Services located at Richlands Memorial Hospital Hyperbaric Unit in Columbia, South Carolina. Dick has had a very long history and is a world leader in the hyperbaric medicine arena. In 2002 Dick made an offer to annually fund a Hyperbaric Technicians and Nurses Association (HTNA) member to attend the Annual Scientific Meeting (ASM) to the value of US\$1 500.00. The executive has discussed the criteria for the scholarship at some length and has formulated the HTNA's selection criteria, listed below. This criteria has been derived from Dick's original intent. We have also included some requirements of the scholarship recipient.

## **THE SCHOLARSHIP**

The Dick Clarke Scholarship is designed to assist the recipient to attend HTNA's ASM. The scholarship will pay for all reasonable expenses incurred for the recipient directly relating to attendance of the ASM. The scholarship is capped at USD\$1 500.00.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

1. The nominee must be a member, in good standing, of the HTNA, and
2. Be relatively new to the field, and who has already shown great promise (enthusiastic and self-motivated, who has obviously spent non-compensated time furthering their knowledge-base). Preference given to those who have made "significant" contributions (published a pertinent article, assisted in the generation of the standards for hyperbaric staffing, acted as faculty for related training programs, etc.), or
3. has been employed in the field of diving/hyperbaric medicine/technology for some time and has yet to attend the HTNA ASM (and the reason being lack of financial means rather than lack of interest). It would be considered that the early opportunity to attend the national meeting might further motivate and stimulate this individual to achieve administrative and clinical advancement, or
4. a long-standing HTNA member who has worked tirelessly, and without exception, to further the goals of the HTNA and to advance the field.
5. Also in the calendar year of the scholarship, the recipient must be prepared to and will be expected to:
  - a) submit a paper for publication in Offgassing, and
  - b) deliver a presentation at the HTNA ASM, and
  - c) attend the HTNA Annual General Meeting (where possible).

## **SELECTION PROCESS**

The HTNA Executive will call for nominations (a date to be decided e.g. 01 April) each year. Nominations can be made by any HTNA Member but must be signed off by the nominee and at least one Hyperbaric Nurse and one Hyperbaric Technical Officer from the nominee's facility who are also members of the HTNA. Nominations are made by completing the attached form (DCS01) the close date will be found on form. The justification statement on the nomination form must include why and/or where the nominee fulfils the selection criteria (above). All nominations will be sent to all Executive Committee members. The Executive Committee will then hold a vote to choose the scholarship winner for that year. The winner will be notified by phone, then noted in the next edition of Offgassing. An official presentation of the award will be made at the ASM.

## **REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

Where possible the HTNA will absorb any expenses in the short-term. All other invoices for expenses incurred by the recipient are to be submitted to the HTNA Treasurer immediately after the ASM. Payment of expenses incurred, which are above the scholarship cap, is responsibility of the scholarship winner. All invoices are to be submitted by the HTNA Secretary to Dick Clarke as soon as possible after the HTNA ASM.

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## NOMINATION FORM - (DCS01)

### NOMINEE DETAILS

SURNAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GIVEN NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

HYPERBARIC FACILITY: \_\_\_\_\_

POSITION: \_\_\_\_\_

YEARS WORKING IN HBO INDUSTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

HTNA MEMBER SINCE: \_\_\_\_\_

ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION BY NOMINEE - SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

PERSONS NOMINATING: (NURSE) \_\_\_\_\_

(TECH) \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Justification statement** is to include, but not be limited to, information on how the nominee fulfils the selection criteria and have a maximum of 250 words.

### JUSTIFICATION STATEMENT

**Note:** Nominations are to be completed and submitted by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2005