

BAROMEDICAL FOUNDATION AWARD



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 criterion has been derived from Dick's original intent. We have also included some requirements of the scholarship recipient.

THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Baromedical Research Foundation Award (BRFA) 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 US\$1500.00.

SELECTION CRITERIA

The nominee must be a member in good standing of the HTNA,
and

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

Has been employed in the field of diving/hyperbaric medicine/technology for some time and has yet to attend a HTNA ASM. It would be considered that the opportunity to attend the national meeting might facilitate their development

or

A long-standing HTNA member who has worked tirelessly without exception, to further the goals of the HTNA and to advance the field.

SUCCESSFUL CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

Within the calendar year of the scholarship, the recipient must be prepared to:

- A. Submit a paper for publication in *Offgassing*, and
- B. Deliver a presentation of the HTNA ASM, and
- C. Attend the HTNA Annual General Meeting.

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 for the nominee's facility who are also members of the HTNA. Nominations are made by completing the attached form (BRF01) the closing date will be found on the form. The justification statement on the nomination form must include any and/or where the nominee fulfils the selection criteria (above). All nominations will be sent to all Executive Committee members. The winner will be notified by phone, and then noted in the next edition of *Offgassing*. An official presentation of the award will be made at the ASM.

REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES

The HTNA will absorb expenses in the short-term. All invoices for expenses incurred by the recipient are to be submitted to the HTNA Treasurer immediately following the ASM. Payment of expenses incurred, above the scholarship cap are the responsibility of the scholarship winner.

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NOMINATION FORM - (BRF01)

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: _____

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: 30th June 2010.