

## **The SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship**

This SCAVMA funded scholarship will be awarded to two (2) students during the Fall Semester of each academic year. The award is intended to recognize an individual's exceptional leadership, as well as their impact on quality of University programs, services, and/or activities. Students enrolled at RUSVM in **4th, 5th, 6th, or 7<sup>th</sup>** semester (at the time of application) and a SCAVMA member in "good-standing", are eligible for this scholarship. A student may only receive this scholarship once. Any eligible student who has not been awarded the scholarship may apply the following academic year. In order for a student to be considered, the student must not been found in violation of the RUSVM Code of Conduct during the current or previous 2 semesters. A minimum GPA of 2.5 is required.

### **Applicants:**

Applicants must submit a personal statement up to 500 words detailing their qualifications for this award.

Please be sure to address the following in the personal statement:

- Describe in detail how the applicant has made a significant impact on the quality of campus and/or community life
- Describe how the applicant's contributions to campus and/or community life demonstrates exceptional leadership

Applicants must also submit an up to date resume.

The applicant must email the personal statement and his/her resume to the SCAVMA Scholarship Liaison (scavmascholarships@rossvet.edu.kn) by Monday of Week 5 at 4pm. Both documents should be submitted as PDFs and saved as LastNameFirstName\_PersonalStatement and LastNameFirstName\_Resume.

### **Letter of Recommendation:**

Applicants must submit one (1) official letter of recommendation, which become the property of the SCAVMA:

One (1) professional letter of recommendation from a pre-health, pre-vet, DVM professor, or veterinarian acquainted with the applicant's quality veterinary and/or academic experience.

The letter of recommendation should provide either of the following:

- Supporting evidence of the student's achievements in academics, leadership, and/or service.
- An account of the overall personal and/or academic background, maturity, adaptability, character, aptitude, or motivation to become a veterinarian

The letter must be on proper letterhead with the sender's contact information included and sent directly from the recommender to the SCAVMA Scholarship Liaison's email (scavmascholarships@rossvet.edu.kn). Letters of recommendation are due Monday of Week 5 at 4pm.

### **Personal Interview:**

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Applicants whose personal statements and application are judged to be indicative of the potential for the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship will be invited for an interview by a scholarship committee made up of RUSVM faculty. The interview is often conducted within two weeks after the application deadline.

Your personal interview helps the scholarship committee assess your overall personal and academic background, exceptional leadership, and impact on the quality of University programs, services, and/or activities. Applicants are advised that being granted an interview is not a guarantee of being awarded the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship, though it does play a significant role in the selection of the two awardees.

**Scholarship Amount:** \$3,000 USD

This amount will be applied directly to the recipient's financial aid package.

**Due Dates:**

The personal statement, resume, and letter of recommendation are **due the Monday of Week 5 at 4pm.** **Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.** Applicants chosen for an interview should expect their interview to take place during either Week 6 or 7. Applicants will be notified by Week 8 of their scholarship status.

If there are any questions regarding the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship, please email the SCAVMA Scholarship Liaison (scavmascholarships@rossvet.edu.kn).

SCAVMA/SGA reserves the right to change its policies, procedures, and other material contained in the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship application, at any time, with or without notice. Such changes will generally be announced. Changes may be disseminated by email, or by posting on the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship website. Changes generally become effective immediately, unless otherwise stated.

Students are responsible for staying informed of any changes in policy and procedure by checking the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship website or emailing the SCAVMA Scholarship Liaison for new or updated documents that contain any changes to the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship policies and procedures, which shall be posted in the form of updated documents on the SCAVMA Excellence Scholarship website.