

## **Pfizer Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program - 2012**

Pfizer Animal Health and American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) are pleased to announce the 2012 Pfizer Animal Health Student Scholarship Program! The scholarship program, launched in the fall of 2010, has been a huge success with over \$1,250,000 being awarded to 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> year veterinary students. Over the first two years of this scholarship program, Pfizer Animal Health has awarded \$2500 scholarships to over 500 exceptional veterinary students.

The program was launched to address the issue of student debt and its impact on the future of the veterinary profession. There will be approximately 300 student scholarships available at \$2,500 each in grant scholarships. The program provides equal opportunity for applicants, regardless of location, by using total student enrollment at each veterinary school as a means of determining the available number of scholarships per school.

In addition to traditional selection criteria of academic excellence and financial need, the scholarships will focus on meeting ongoing needs of the Veterinary profession – diversity, sustainability and mixed/rural medicine practice. Scholarships will be awarded to students with career interests in all areas, including food animal medicine, small animal clinical medicine, research, government services, organized veterinary medicine, etc. Through the Pfizer Animal Health Scholarship Program, AVMF and school leadership will identify outstanding veterinary students that can help address the diversity of our changing world and the health, food and welfare needs of the U.S. veterinary community. We encourage **all class of 2013 and 2014** veterinary students to apply.

### **STUDENT CRITERIA**

Student Requirements:

- Currently enrolled and in good standing at an AVMA accredited school of veterinary medicine in the United States
- At application time be a 2nd or 3rd year veterinary student at a U.S. school of veterinary medicine. Students at Ross, St George's and St Matthews Universities are also welcome to apply.
- SAVMA member (Student American Veterinary Medical Association)

Students may be judged in the following categories:

- Academic Excellence
- Leadership
- Diversity (if applicable)
- Potential Contributions in Food Animal or Food Safety Veterinary Medicine (if applicable)

### **PROGRAM TIMELINE**

- Application Launch on Pfizer Animal Health and AVMF websites – October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
([www.vetstudentconnect.com](http://www.vetstudentconnect.com) or [www.avmf.org/pfizer](http://www.avmf.org/pfizer))
- Application Deadline – November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2011
- Selection Announcement – Late March 2012
- Public Announcement – April/May 2012
- Check Disbursement – July/August 2012

The AVMF is happy to assist Pfizer Animal Health in administering this program and is available at [info@avmf.org](mailto:info@avmf.org) for any questions that you may have. Please check our websites often for updates on this exciting program!