

## **2010 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium Junior Officer/Civil Servant Scholarship Guidelines**

Qualified applicants may be approved to receive a Junior Officer/Civil Servant Scholarship to attend the 2010 USPHS Scientific and Training Symposium, which will be held in San Diego, CA from May 24 - 27, 2010.

The scholarship will cover the full registration cost of the Symposium, but does not cover the registration fee for any Preconference Events and related costs such as travel, housing, etc.

To qualify, an individual:

- Must be of pay grade O3 or below (Ensign, LTJG, LT) or the civil service equivalent GS 10/11 or below; and
- Must certify in writing that funding has been requested from his/her agency and been denied.

An officer/civil servant will be deemed ineligible for the scholarship if:

- His/her agency indicates that it will pay for the registration; or
- An officer personally pays by either credit card or check prior to notification of a decision on the scholarship award.

No refunds will be made for registration prior to notification of scholarship awards. Any applicant who applies for a scholarship and is denied will have the option of paying for a registration at the Early Bird rate.

In the event funding is not available to award scholarships to all applicants, priority will be given to:

- Health and Human Services employees and the Federal agencies where commissioned officers serve;
- First time applicants;
- Officers/civil servants presenting an abstract at the annual meeting;
- Officers/civil servants who serve on a COA/COF committee; and
- Officers/civil servants in direct public health-related positions.

After attending the meeting, scholarship recipients will be encouraged to submit a brief, 2-3 paragraph summary of their attendance at the Symposium to the COF Executive Director.