



## The Professional Education & Training Scholarship (PETS) Award – Certification

Section	Description
<b>Summary</b>	<p>The IAAHPC is proud to offer financial assistance for eligible veterinarians, veterinary technicians and animal end-of-life advocates to achieve either the Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Veterinarian (CHPV®), Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Technician (CHPT®) or Certified Hospice and Palliative Care Advocate (CHPA) credentials.</p> <p>Dignified and respectful animal end-of-life care services have grown in awareness around the world. The IAAHPC is committed to ensuring professionals are taking every opportunity to elevate their skill level in hospice, palliative care, pain management and over-all end-of-life services, learning from the world’s foremost experts in every part of the final journey for animals.</p>
<b>Eligibility Criteria</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicants must meet all certification program eligibility requirements. Review the program eligibility requirements prior to applying for scholarship.</li> <li>2. All applicants must be a current IAAHPC member in good standing at the time of the application.</li> <li>3. Applicants must not be an employee of or sitting board member of the IAAHPC.</li> <li>4. The completion of the application form does not create an obligation to award a scholarship to the applicant</li> <li>5. Currently enrolled CHPV/CHPT/CHPA students are eligible to apply for scholarship.</li> </ol>
<b>Application Period</b>	<p>The Scholarship application will be made available online on September 1st of each year. Applications must be completed and submitted online at <a href="#">Certification Scholarship   IAAHPC</a> by 11:59pm EST October 31st of the same year (“Application Deadline”). Applications submitted after the Application Deadline will not be</p>

	considered.
<b>Selection Process</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The recipients of the scholarships will be selected by the Certification Committee of the IAAHPC.</li> <li>2. It is the applicant's responsibility to submit a complete and signed application along with any required and supporting documentation, which must be received on or before the Application Deadline. The IAAHPC accepts no responsibility for incomplete applications, applications not in proper form, lost applications, or any other submission in exception to the instructions.</li> <li>3. Scholarship selection shall be made without regard to race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, age, national origin, disability, veteran status, or any other category protected by federal, state, or local law.</li> <li>4. The decision of the IAAHPC is final and not subject to review.</li> <li>5. Starting on November 1 of each year, the Certification Committee will begin the selection process for eligible qualified students.</li> <li>6. Recipients will be notified no later than November 8 of the same year.</li> </ol>
<b>Scholarship Award Distribution and Timing</b>	<p>The IAAHPC will determine and notify the recipients of the scholarships upon validation. The maximum scholarship awards are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. CHPV: \$1,450 in total and shall be disbursed as a credit towards Modules 1-5 and 7-8 at a rate to not exceed \$241.60 per module.</li> <li>2. CHPT: \$1,350 in total and shall be disbursed as a credit towards Modules 1-5 and 7-8 at a rate to not exceed \$225 per module.</li> <li>3. CHPA: \$200 in total and shall be provided as a credit code upon enrollment of the program or as a reimbursement if the student is a currently enrolled student.</li> </ol>
<b>Maintenance Requirements</b>	<p>In order to continue disbursement of the scholarship award, applicant must meet the following maintenance requirements:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Applicant must remain in the appropriate certification program.</li> <li>2. Awards will only be applied to courses taken as part of the certification program, specific to the original program level award.</li> <li>3. Applicant must successfully pass each Module attempted in accordance with their program's requirements as outlined in the academic catalog for all courses.</li> <li>4. Any withdrawals or courses not successfully passed in accordance with the program requirements will terminate the scholarship. Applicant must maintain an active IAAHPC membership and be in good standing for the entirety of the certification program membership.</li> </ol>
<b>Terms and Conditions</b>	<p>By applying for the IAAHPC PETS Certification Scholarship and/or accepting the scholarship award, the applicant and/or recipient agrees to the following terms and conditions. Failure to abide by any of the following terms and conditions shall result in either disqualification of the scholarship award or termination of the scholarship</p>

award.

1. All application submissions shall become the property of the IAAHPC regardless of the applicant being awarded the scholarship.
2. Scholarship award is a non-cash award to the recipient's IAAHPC account as outlined on the scholarship application. If the recipient is currently enrolled as a student, they will be reimbursed for previously completed or currently active modules, up to the amount specified in the awarded scholarship. No check or other cash monies will be disbursed at any time. No exceptions.
3. This Scholarship may not be combined with any other IAAHPC scholarship, offers, promotions, memorandums of understanding or other tuition scholarship(s).
4. Recipients are responsible for the remainder of any Module cost after the scholarship credit has been applied.
5. These terms and conditions are in addition to any other terms and conditions set forth in any other part of this document. Any necessary determination, or clarification, as to the interpretation or to the application of a particular term shall be made by the IAAHPC, in their sole discretion. Furthermore, the IAAHPC reserves the right in its sole discretion to make any changes or modifications to the scholarship, including but not limited to, the criteria, the selection process, the deadline dates, and the terms and conditions.
6. There will be no exceptions to these terms and conditions unless otherwise approved in writing by the IAAHPC in their sole discretion.
7. This Scholarship is not applicable to:
  - a. IAAHPC conference registration or travel expenses.
  - b. Should the recipient withdraw from the certification program or lapse in certification membership or IAAHPC membership, which the scholarship, or a portion of the scholarship, has been used to pay the tuition, in no event will any cash refund be given at any time.
  - c. Additional continuing education requirements of the certification program.

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