



## Now accepting applications for the 2022 ACS-COSECSEA Women Scholars Program

### There is a severe shortage of surgeons in Sub-Saharan Africa.

Current data indicate that there are only 0.5 surgeons for every 100,000 people. Although women make up more than 50 percent of the population, they represent only 7 percent of the surgical work force.

To help address this problem, the American College of Surgeons (ACS) and the College of Surgeons of East, Central, and Southern Africa (COSECSEA) have developed a scholarship program to support women in surgical residency, help them complete their training, and encourage other women in medicine to consider surgery as a profession.

#### About This Scholarship

- The program is open to senior female surgical trainees who are preparing to take this fellowship level examination in 2022
- The award will be used towards fellowship examination expenses, including fellowship examination, examination travel and accommodation, graduation, and five-year membership dues to COSECSEA and ACS
- All aspects of the scholarship will be administered by the COSECSEA secretariat

#### Financial Support

Each scholarship is worth up to \$2,500. The number of awards will depend on quality of applications and available funds.

#### Application Process

Applicants should include a personal statement indicating future goals, a current curriculum vitae, and a letter of support from their surgical training program director.

Completed applications should be sent to the COSECSEA Scholarship Committee at [scholarships@cosecsa.org](mailto:scholarships@cosecsa.org) and will be reviewed in conjunction with the Operation Giving Back Committee.

Applications are due no later than March 31, 2022.

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E-mail your application to [scholarships@cosecsa.org](mailto:scholarships@cosecsa.org) by March 31, 2022.



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