MSD ANIMAL HEALTH - VIETNAM SMALL ANIMAL VETERINARY ASSOCIATION (VSAVA) VETERINARY STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM PROPOSAL

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1. VSAVA BACKGROUND

Vietnam Small Animal Veterinary Association (VSAVA) was established in December, 2010 as a professional association in development of companion animal care all over the country. Companion animal veterinarians around Vietnam and some neighbour countries look to the VSAVA for services that maintain and increase their skill and knowledge.

VSAVA actions mainly in:

- Continuing professional education
- Veterinary Technical journal

To gather and unite all community and individual veterinarians that work in scientific technology, advanced training, management and companion animal care services for fostering and exchanging scientific information.

The VSAVA achieves its goals by focusing its efforts:

- To disseminate knowledge, experiences; to coordinate and exchange veterinary advanced technology info in production.
- To organize continuing professional education: seminars, training courses for improving veterinarians' skill of diagnostic and treatment in companion animals.
- To publish Veterinary Small Animal Journal in April and October yearly.
- To coordinate and cooperate with FAVA, FASAVA, WSAVA and other Veterinary Associations in the world.

2. VSAVA STUDENT PROGRAM

VSAVA is involved in some programs supporting our student members, which include:

- Clinical rotation for veterinary students in Small animal clinics in Ho Chi Minh City and Binh Duong Province
- Introduce veterinary student members of VSAVA training in Veterinary hospitals in Asia Pacific countries (Thailand, Philippines, Indonesia, Singapore and Australia).

3. MSD ANIMAL HEALTH- VSAVA SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

As we understand of the desired objectives:

- Two (02) $2,500 scholarships
- Merit based with some consideration to financial need
- Commitment to Veterinary Medicine, especially in small animal
- Diversity

Eligibility Requirements:

- Currently enrolled in the 3rd or 4th year veterinary students at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam
- Based on Grade Point Average (GPA), the student must on the top 10 of class
- Be a VSAVA (Vietnam Small Animal Veterinary Association) member (optional)
- Not have previously held a MSD Animal Health - VSAVA Veterinary Student Scholarship
- Merit based with some consideration to financial need
- Social activity, volunteering; or having a certificate of Indigence and Low-Income family, or family in/under preferential treatment policy (optional) will be also taken into account.

Terms and Conditions:

- Only eligible applicants, and applications, will be considered
- Incomplete applications will not be considered
- Applicant must be willing to contribute at least 100 hours per year of volunteer service in a small veterinary field for two years after receiving the MSD Animal Health-VSAVA scholarship

Applications will be available online at www.vsava.com and http://www.msd-animal-health.vn/

VSAVA staff members will be in communication with the veterinary faculty throughout the application process. Information will be distributed to all Faculty of veterinary

medicine in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam. An announcement flyer will be created and distributed to each participating association/university so students are made aware of this scholarship opportunity. In addition, the VSAVA will send email information to all qualifying students in its database and post information on the scholarship program on website, www.vsava.com and promoted through VSAVA journal and newsletters.

4. REVIEW, EVALUATION AND SELECTION PROCESS

The review and selection process will be coordinated by the VSAVA staff and the review process will involve members of the VSAVA's Scholarship Review Committee. Note: No member that is either employee or contracted to work for MSD Animal Health will participate in the selection of any award winners. VSAVA identifies the members and the number of members needed to serve on the Scholarship Application Review and Selection Committee.

The application form will be reviewed by the committee members who are asked to score each application based on the specific scoring rubric. The reviewers are asked to take into consideration the students' GPA/Class Rank, leadership positions, diversity and financial need. The applications form responses to the following questions:

1. Provide a statement about why you should be chosen for a MSD Animal Health -VSAVA Scholarship (250 words or less)
2. How the MSD Animal Health - VSAVA scholarship will benefit your education? If plan to use it for doing research, provide details of your proposed study, research or professional development (250 words or less)
3. Brief description of your career goals; addressing what area of small animal practice do you plan to focus on? What are you doing to prepare yourself for your specific career path in veterinary medicine? (500 words or less)
4. Describe your leadership skills and how you have implemented them in University and/or within your work experience. List specific examples of your contributions to your class, faculty and community (250 words or less)

TIMELINE

- Application announcement and launch – January 12th, 2024
- Application deadline – January 24th, 2024
- Selection process – January 26th, 2024
- Student and University notification – January 27th, 2024
- Public Announcement and Presentation – January 29th, 2024
- Check Disbursement – February 19th- 23rd, 2024.

VSAVA DELIVERABLES

To accommodate and support MSD Animal Health and its veterinary student scholarship efforts the VSAVA proposes:

a. Based upon the desired timeline and criteria the VSAVA will handle all aspects of marketing, outreach, and correspondence with the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam and the veterinary students in the target audience.
b. The VSAVA will coordinate and facilitate all aspects of criteria review and selection including the use of qualified and credible scholarship reviewers; all aspects of scholarship awarding, recognition, and follow-up will be provided by the VSAVA.
c. The VSAVA will provide separate accounting and reporting for this scholarship program.
d. The VSAVA will assist MSD Animal Health with MSD Animal Health's development of a press release announcing scholarship recipients.

THE VSAVA REQUESTS THE FOLLOWING

a. All scholarship funds must flow through the VSAVA banking and accounting systems. The VSAVA will need to directly distribute all scholarship awards to recipients. The VSAVA will ensure that accompanying award materials will include appropriate recognition and information to scholarship recipients related to the funding and support source.
b. The VSAVA will include this scholarship program as a regular part of its scholarship portfolio to include all aspects of branding, marketing, etc.

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