



**COSECSA**

College of Surgeons of  
East, Central and Southern Africa

Operation  Smile

# 5-YEAR SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME

## ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

To increase Plastic Surgeon Density in Sub-Saharan Africa, College of Surgeons of East, Central and Southern Africa (COSECSA) and Operation Smile are providing a 5-year scholarship to 8 individuals wishing to train with COSECSA.

- ❖ Programme starts January 2024.
- ❖ Preference will be given to Malawi or D.R.Congo candidates
- ❖ Scholarship covers two years of COSECSA MCS and three years of COSECSA FCS Plastic Surgery programme.
- ❖ Applicants **MUST** pursue COSECSA FCS plastic surgery programme once they complete the MCS.
- ❖ The applicant must have applied for the COSECSA MCS programme and has been accepted in a COSECSA Accredited training facility.
- ❖ Applicants will also have unique opportunities to engage with Operation Smile.

Complete application should be sent to COSECSA by filling the form [HERE](#)

**Application Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> October 2023**

## FINANCIAL SUPPORT

- ❖ The scholarship covers COSECSA fees including Programme Entry, Examination, Graduation fees, and 4 years annual subscription fee upon FCS completion.
- ❖ Facilitation to attend both MCS and FCS examinations.
- ❖ Provided with a monthly stipend.
- ❖ Administered by COSECSA.

## APPLICATION PROCESS

- ❖ Applicants should include a current curriculum vitae, and a letter of support from their surgical training Program Director, a host acceptance letter and cover letter indicating future goals.
- ❖ It is the responsibility of the applicant to secure a training post, and if required a work permit if training away from their home country.
- ❖ Applications that have not met all of the above set criteria will not be considered.

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