



Now accepting applications for the

2024 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), the Association of Women Surgeons (AWS), 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 2024
- 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

Applications accepted between 19th February to 3rd March 2024

Financial Support

Each scholarship is worth \$2500. The number of awards will depend on quality of applications and funds.

Amounts already Paid to COSECSEA cannot be refunded.

Application Process

Applicants should include a 1–2 page personal statement indicating future goals, a current curriculum vitae, and a 1 page letter of support from their surgical training program director. Preference will be given to applicants who indicate they are from surgical departments with <25% women surgeons and registrars.

Completed applications should be sent to the COSECSEA Scholarship Committee at

<https://www.cosecsa.org/scholarship-application-portal/>. Scholarship Reference Number to select on the application portal is **ACS-COSECSEA/2024/T2**

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