The family and friends of the late Claude H. Organ, Jr., MD, FACS, have established an endowment through the American College of Surgeons (ACS) Foundation to provide funding for an annual fellowship to be awarded to an outstanding surgeon from the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, the Association of Women Surgeons, or the Surgical Section of the National Medical Association. This annual award is intended to serve as a lasting memorial to the extraordinary life and work of Dr. Organ. For information on donating to this fund, please contact the ACS Foundation at 312-202-5376 or mwojcik@facs.org.

Purpose

The Organ Traveling Fellowship is awarded to an outstanding young surgeon so he or she can attend an educational meeting or make an extended visit to an institution of his or her choice, tailored to his or her research interests.

Basic Requirements

The Organ Fellowship is available to a U.S. or Canadian member of the ACS in any of the surgical specialties who meets the following requirements:

- Is a member of the Society of Black Academic Surgeons, the Association of Women Surgeons, or the Surgical Section of the National Medical Association
- Is a Fellow or Associate Fellow of the American College of Surgeons
- Is no more than 45 years of age on the date the application is filed

Financial Support

The successful applicant will receive the sum of $5,000 U.S. This amount is to be used to help defray travel and per diem expenses, plus the cost of any courses the awardee may take in association with the award. The Organ Fellow will make his or her own travel arrangements.

Applications are due no later than June 1, 2015, and consist of the following items submitted as a PDF in this order:

- An essay, of up to two pages, describing why the applicant wishes to receive the Organ Fellowship and his or her plans for using it
- The applicant’s current brief curriculum vitae
- One letter of nomination/recommendation from applicant’s chair or mentor

Submission should be labeled with applicant’s last name, followed by first initial. Send to the attention of the ACS Scholarships Administrator at scholarships@facs.org. Questions may also be submitted to this address.

One awardee will be selected, and all applicants are expected to be notified of the outcome of the selection process by July 31, 2015. Requirements for the Organ Traveling Fellowship are also posted on the ACS website at www.facs.org/member-services/scholarships/research.