

Technician Author Support Program (TASP)

Description / Purpose: To promote technician author involvement in local and national newsletters and to encourage technicians to submit abstracts to present at TriBranch and at the National AALAS meeting. DVB will sponsor one technician each year to attend the National AALAS meeting.

Award: Award certificate and \$2,500 to be used for trip to AALAS National meeting.

- a. The \$2,500 includes reimbursement that can be applied to the following:
 - Registration to AALAS meeting
 - Hotel Costs (Reservations can be made night prior to beginning of meeting.
 - Transportation costs: train, taxi, airline, car.
 - Parking and toll costs if car is driven or parked at airport.
 - Meals (up to whatever the government rate is for the particular site).
 - The winner is responsible for any personal costs outside of those mentioned above.
 - *For National Meetings: Workshops may be included as long as total for entire trip does not exceed \$2,500.*
 - Receipts are needed for all reimbursements and must be submitted within 30 days of travel.
- b. Obligation of Recipient:
 - The awarded technician must agree to summarize the educational experience gained by attendance at the National Meeting and present a summary to either be published in the DVB-AALAS newsletter or presented at DVB meeting upon return.

Nominee Qualifications / Criteria: The candidate must:

- a. Be a DVB member (membership can be applied for at the time of article submission)
- b. Be currently working as a laboratory animal technician (animal care, cage wash, veterinary technician, research technician)
- c. Have authored an article or abstract that has been accepted by the appropriate agency (DVB AALAS newsletter, Tech Talk, scholarly journal, abstract for National meeting, TriBranch Symposium, or other laboratory animal related meeting).

Nomination Process: The application form must be filled out (see Appendix C), signed by applicant's supervisor and be returned to the Awards Chair by **May 1st**. The article or abstract and the acceptance of submission documentation must be included with the application.