

HELLO!!!!!! TECHNICIANS, ARE YOU OUT THERE?

“CALLING ALL TECHNICIANS” – HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL AALAS MEETING IN 2008 PAID FOR BY DVB AALAS?

It's easy and here's what you need to do:

**Have you submitted an abstract or article in the past?
Are you currently in process of doing this now?
Are you thinking about it but have been putting it off?
Be confident, be encouraged, be forthcoming and apply today!
Don't Delay. This is an unbelievable opportunity you just can't pass up!**

The TASP award information and application is below. Contact me if you have any questions at all. I look forward to hearing from you.

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TECHNICIAN AUTHORS SUPPORT PROGRAM (TASP)

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 AALAS will sponsor one Technician each year to attend the National AALAS meeting.

ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must be Delaware Valley Branch Members (membership can be applied for at the time of article submission) and currently working as a laboratory animal technician (animal care/ cage wash technician, veterinary technician, research technician).

Applicants for this award must have authored an article or abstract that has been accepted by the appropriate agency.

COMPOSITION OF AWARDS SELECTION COMMITTEE

Three members composed of chairpersons or their appointees from the Awards Committee, Education Committee, and Technician Affairs Committee will direct this program each year.

PROCESS

Each year this committee will organize at an appropriate time to set up and promote the technician authors support program.

Timetable: Interested applicants should write an article for the DVB AALAS newsletter, Tech Talk, or prepare and send an abstract to the National AALAS Conference, the Tribbranch Symposium, or other laboratory animal related meetings.

Application: The application form must be filled out, signed by the applicant's supervisor and be returned to the DVB-AALAS Awards Chair by May 1. The article and the acceptance of submission documentation must be included with the application.

Selection of the awardee: The awards selection committee will review the applications and the articles or abstracts submitted. The submissions will be judged using the following criteria:

1. Scientific or Technical Merit
2. Quality of Presentation
3. Appropriateness of visual aids
4. Contribution to Lab Animal Science
5. Originality

One technician will be selected and announced at the Tribbranch Symposium each year.

Award: The award will include an award certificate and all expenses paid to the current year's National AALAS Conference. DVB AALAS will make registration, airfare and accommodations. Meals and other travel expenses are limited to a \$50.00 per day maximum. The recipient must submit receipts for reimbursement within 30 days of return from the conference. The recipient will be responsible for personal spending.

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 be published in the DVB-AALAS newsletter upon return.