

of the WTSA, for a period of one to two weeks, under the sponsorship of a Western member at the hosting institution. The traveling fellow does **not** need to be a WTSA member; the award is open to any resident/trainee/practicing surgeon. Reimbursement of up to \$5,000 will be provided to the traveling fellow, to defray reasonable costs for travel, lodging, and meals.

To be eligible for consideration, the following materials should be submitted to the Association Office via the online application at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) no later than December 15, 2016:

Online Application to include the following uploads:

- Applicant responses to survey questions
- Curriculum Vitae or Resume
- Letter of support from the Chief of Surgery at applicant's primary hospital
- Letter of support from a current Active or Senior WTSA member

The award will be announced publicly at the 43rd WTSA Annual Meeting, June 21-24, 2017, in Colorado Springs, Colorado; it is requested that the awardee be present at this meeting to receive the award. The awardee will contact the sponsoring member and make arrangements to complete the fellowship during the period of June 25, 2017, to June 26, 2018. It is requested that the awardee attend the 44th WTSA Annual Meeting, June 27-30, 2018, in Goleta, California, and make an oral presentation at that meeting about the traveling fellowship experience.

Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to view complete Traveling Fellowship details and to submit your application.

### Applications for Membership

The WTSA is now accepting Applications for Membership online for Active as well as Candidate membership status. Visit the WTSA Web site at [www.westernthoracic.org](http://www.westernthoracic.org) to read the complete membership eligibility requirements and to initiate an online application.

#### Active Member

\$375.00 annually, plus \$50.00 initiation fee

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Reside within or have completed a cardiothoracic residency training program within the geographic limits of the Association.

- Have been engaged in the practice of thoracic and cardiovascular surgery for at least three years following completion of postgraduate training. If a candidate completed his/her thoracic surgical residency or a one-year clinical fellowship in an institution within the geographic limits of the Association, such completion may count toward one of the three years of practice.
- Have a full and unrestricted license to practice medicine in his or her respective state or province, and have a current appointment on the surgical staff of a hospital with no reportable action pending which could adversely affect such applicant's staff privileges at any hospital.

#### Candidate Member

\$100.00 annually

Applicant must meet all membership criteria, including but not limited to:

- Be matched or enrolled in either a cardiothoracic surgery education program accredited by the Residency Review Committee for Thoracic Surgery under the authority of the ACGME or a program approved for cardiothoracic surgery education by the Royal College of Surgeons of Canada—or their equivalency—from within the Association's geographic limits. Individuals who have completed their education in one of the above programs but do not yet meet all of the criteria for Active membership also are eligible to apply for Candidate membership. Individuals who trained outside the Association's geographic limits who are now residing within the Association's boundaries but do not yet have three years in practice may also apply for Candidate membership.

An application must include the following uploads: a photo, a complete curriculum vitae with bibliography, and, for Active applicants, the 3 most significant articles that s/he personally wrote. The application must be completed and submitted online by March 1, 2017, and all support letter(s) (three for Active applicants, one for Candidates) uploaded by that applicant's sponsor(s) by March 31, 2017, in order for the applicant to be considered for election to membership at the 2017 Annual Meeting.

### WTSA 43rd Annual Meeting



#### Save the Date!

June 21-24, 2017

The Broadmoor

Colorado Springs, Colorado