



MARY KASCH
HAND THERAPY CERTIFICATION
SCHOLARSHIP



ASHT HTCC AHTF

Mary Kasch Hand Therapy Certification Scholarship Description

Purpose of the Award: To provide opportunities for professional development by providing financial support to an OT/PT interested in pursuing certification in hand therapy.

Name of award: Mary Kasch Hand Therapy Certification Scholarship

Funding:

The scholarship amount will be a total value equivalent to \$1500 and distributed as follow:

- ASHT will offer each year one or more of its many continuing education offerings for this scholarship. The ASHT contribution will include registration fees only, not exceeding \$500 combined.
- HTCC will offer the CHT examination fee and access to the Hand Therapy Resource Center for this scholarship. This is a combined value of \$600.
- The award recipient may use the remaining amount, after ASHT and HTCC's contributions, to purchase study materials, attend courses and to be reimbursed for travel related expenses for the exam or continuing education courses. The award recipient will submit receipts to AHTF for reimbursement.

Breakdown of Funding:

- ASHT Continuing Education - \$500 value
- CHT exam fee - \$500 value
- Hand Therapy Resource Center subscription - \$100 value
- Reimbursement for exam and study related expenses - \$400 to be distributed by the AHTF.

How candidate applies:

An online application is available through the HTCC, AFHT and ASHT websites.

Eligibility:

The award candidate must meet HTCC's general examination eligibility requirements or be eligible to meet the certification requirements by the time the exam registration is due. Applicants must plan to sit for the examination either in November of the year they receive the award or May of the following year. HTCC's general examination eligibility requirements are:

- The candidate must be an occupational therapist or physical therapist with a current professional credential.

- The candidate must be certified or licensed as an OT or PT for a minimum of five years, based on date of issue of the certificate or license.
- The candidate must have accrued a minimum of 4,000 hours of Direct Practice Experience in hand therapy.

Selection Criteria:

An essay will be required by the candidates to answer the question:
“Why do you want to become a CHT?”(1-2 paragraphs- 100 word maximum)

The selection criterion is based on professional involvement in order to assess the candidate’s earnestness towards professional development.

Application/Award Timeline:

January - application available on all three websites

March 1- application due

June 1-notify recipient

Sept-Oct. - announcement and receipt of reward at ASHT annual meeting

Presentation:

The award will be presented annually at the ASHT annual meeting along with the other award announcements.

