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IBHRE Opens Application Period for Annual Scholarship Award

Scholarship Program Helps Allied Professionals Offset Cost of Certification

Washington, DC, Feb. 12, 2016 —Today, the International Board of Rhythm Heart Examiners® announced the launching of its 2016 Scholarship Award Program. In its second year, the scholarship program provides assistance to rhythm heart management professionals who want to pursue IBHRE certification but have limited resources. Through this program, three allied professionals will receive an \$800 scholarship to help offset registration cost associated with the IBHRE certification exam.

The scholarship is open to professionals who sit for IBHRE's Examination for Competency in Certified Cardiac Rhythm Device Therapy or the Examination for Competency in Certified Electrophysiology. Candidates who successfully pass the designated exam earn the credential of Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS) or Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS).

"This scholarship program really speaks to IBHRE's core values," said Tracy Lofty, executive director, IBHRE. "It is at the root of our effort to make IBHRE's certification program accessible to professionals who want to enhance their skills and knowledge, and not be constrained by financial considerations."

In addition to financial assistance, scholarship recipients who are non-members of the Heart Rhythm Society receive a one-year complimentary membership to HRS, contingent upon review and meeting HRS membership requirements. Last year, scholarships were awarded to the following heart rhythm management professionals:

- Tashia L. Flieger, Pasco, Wash.
- Esther V. Pimplekar, Pineville, N.C.
- Julie M. Thomas, White Plains, N.Y.

Allied professionals interested in applying for an IBHRE scholarship can obtain the application online at www.ibhre.org/Exam-Information/Allied-Professional-Exams/IBHRE-Scholarship-Program.

The deadline to apply for IBHRE's scholarship program is May 27, 2016.

About IBHRE

Since 1985, the International Board of Heart Rhythm Examiners® has set the standard for global certification in heart rhythm management. IBHRE offers competency certification to physicians and allied professionals to provide quality patient care in cardiac pacing and electrophysiology. Certifications offered are the Certified Cardiac Device Specialist (CCDS), the Certified Electrophysiology Specialist (CEPS), the Certified Electrophysiology Specialist – Adult Cardiology (CEPS-AC), and the Certified Electrophysiology Specialist – Pediatric Cardiology (CEPS-PC). Learn more about IBHRE at IBHRE.org.