Award of Excellence in Cosmetic Surgery Education

The American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery (AACS) has created an award program to recognize your special commitment to cosmetic surgery education. The AACS Award of Excellence in Cosmetic Surgery Education is available to every AACS/ASLS/ASHRS/ASCLS member who earns 150 CME credits (all AMA category 1) in cosmetic surgery over a three-year period. (Note – a majority of credit hours - 76 or more must be from AACS sponsored educational offerings).

AACS has structured the program to make it accessible through a variety of educational options. To apply, complete and sign the enclosed form (attaching any applicable certificates of attendance provided by medical societies, hospitals and other organizations) and send it to AACS headquarters.

Background
The Award of Excellence in Cosmetic Surgery Education is designed to recognize members who demonstrate a level of commitment to their continuing education in cosmetic surgery. The requirements for the certificate are fulfilled by earning 150 AMA category 1 credits in cosmetic surgery over a three-year period. For example, certificates that will be issued in January 2012 will be for credits earned December 2008 through December 2011.

The AACS/ASLS/ASHRS/ASCLS members who qualify will receive a certificate for display in their office, exam room or reception area. Duplicate certificates (framed or unframed) may be ordered for an additional fee. Your patients will appreciate knowing that you have achieved a recognized level of commitment in cosmetic surgery and that this award is updated regularly to reflect your current knowledge in the field.

150 CME Credit Hours in Cosmetic Surgery
The Award of Excellence in Cosmetic Surgery Education is awarded only to qualifying AACS/ASLS/ASHRS/ASCLS members. A total of 150 AMA category 1 credits in cosmetic surgery over a three-year period (76 or more must be from an AACS sponsored educational offering) is required.

Those applying for the award should claim the number of hours for each activity as designated by the sponsor – provided that the context of the specific activity is focused on cosmetic surgery. In general, applicants must maintain their own records of AMA category 1 credits. Proof of attendance should include a certificate designating AMA category 1 credits, the number of credit hours that were earned, the title of the program, location and a brief description of the educational activity.

The Award of Excellence in Cosmetic Surgery Education is earned by participation in continuing medical education activities. No credit toward the award is applicable from the following type of activities:

- Medical editing
- Service on committees, councils or task forces
- Education that is incidental to regular professional activities (i.e., clinical experiences)

Definition of CME
CME consists of educational activities that serve to maintain, develop or increase the knowledge, skills, professional performance and relationships a physician uses to provide services for patients, the public or the profession. The content of CME is the knowledge and skills generally recognized and accepted by the profession as within the basic medical sciences, the discipline of clinical medicine and the provision of health care to the public.

Fee
All approved applicants will receive recognition at the Academy’s Annual Scientific Meeting and a certificate suitable for framing, for $99. For an additional $75 your certificate will be professionally framed. Duplicate unframed certificates may be ordered for $45 each; framed duplicates remain at $75.

Duration
The term of the award begins on the date that you indicate on your application form and expires the first day of the following month three years later.
Application for Award of Excellence in Cosmetic Surgery Education

Three years of AMA category 1 credits, totaling 150 hours (76 or more from an AACS sponsored educational offering). All activities must focus on cosmetic surgery.

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*Attach additional pages if needed

AMA Category 1 Total Hours: __________

I hereby apply for the AACS Award for Excellence in Cosmetic Surgery Education and certify that the information provided is correct.

_____________________________________________  ____________________________
Signature Required                          Date

_____________________________________________
Name (Please Print)

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Address

_____________________________________________
City, State, Zip Code                       Country

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Telephone                                    Fax                                   E-mail
Fee: (check one)

□ $99.00 Includes an unframed certificate
□ $149.00 Includes a professionally framed certificate

Additional Fees: (optional)

□ I wish to order _______duplicate certificate(s) suitable for framing at $45 each
□ I wish to order _______duplicate certificate(s) professionally framed at $75 each

Total: $___________________

Payment Information:

□ A check made payable to the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery, is enclosed.

Please charge the following credit card:

□ Visa   □ MasterCard   □ American Express

Credit Card Number:______________________________ Exp. Date___ / ___ / ___
Name on Card:______________________________ Billing Zip Code:__________
Signature:______________________________ Security Code:__________

Mail Completed Application, Payment, and Supporting Materials to:
AACS, 225 W. Wacker Drive, Suite 650, Chicago, IL 60606 USA

Or Fax 312.981.6787