



The American Hand Therapy Foundation's mission is to improve patient outcomes by promoting evidence-based practice through funding clinical and scientific research and education.

AHTF is committed to promoting a culture that respects diversity, inclusion, equity, and justice for all stakeholders involved in the delivery and research of upper extremity care.

Ida M Stern Research Education Scholarship Requirements and Responsibilities

The Ida M. Stern scholarship offers \$2000 to promote research education in the field of hand and upper extremity rehabilitation.

Requirements:

1. Meet eligibility requirements: Occupational and/or Physical Therapist in good standing with a current Hand Therapy Certification.
2. Directly apply the scholarship funds to proposed and approved expenses incurred in the pursuit of the education for which the scholarship was awarded.
3. Complete the funded education within one calendar year of receipt of funds. No time extensions will be considered.
4. The use of generative AI and AI assisted technologies (AI tools) is being monitored by AHTF. If AI tools are used with grant applications, transparency is required.

After Notification:

Sign the Memorandum of Agreement accepting the responsibilities associated with the award and return the signed agreement to the Education Director at education@ahtf.org. Directly apply the grant funds to the expenses for which the scholarship is awarded within one calendar year.

Responsibilities:

1. Provide proof of completion of the funded experience to the Director of Education at education@ahtf.org
2. Provide information of remaining funds to the Director of Education at education@ahtf.org and the AHTF Treasurer (contact information will be provided). Remaining monies need to be returned to the treasurer of the AHTF within one year after the monies have been provided to the awardee.

Any questions or concerns? Contact the Director of Education Hannah Gift, OTR/L, CHT at education@ahtf.org