



# VOICE National

VETERINARIANS AS ONE INCLUSIVE COMMUNITY FOR EMPOWERMENT

## Awards & Scholarships

APPLICATIONS SUBMITTED TO [VETVOICE@GMAIL.COM](mailto:VETVOICE@GMAIL.COM) BY DECEMBER 1<sup>ST</sup>

### Chapter of the Year

The VOICE National's Chapter of the Year is an all-encompassing award honoring the VOICE Chapter that has organized or sponsored many successful events during the academic year, exceeded the programming requirements in terms of quality and quantity, and has continuously supported the development of a positive and welcoming environment within their Local and Academic Communities. This VOICE Chapter's events were varied in type and scope, incorporating educational, service, and social events into its calendar. The Chapter of the Year should demonstrate a commitment to advancing an understanding of diversity and inclusivity in Veterinary Medicine within both its school and community.

### Excellence in Servitude and External Relations

This VOICE Chapter was successfully able to articulate their plan to help their Veterinary Student Body understand the importance of service as well as engaging their local community, faculty, staff, and leaders of other organizations in their efforts to promote the ideals of diversity, inclusivity and social justice.

### Excellence in Programming

This award honors the VOICE Chapter that has not only met the VOICE National requirements for programming but has exceeded them in both quantity and quality. This award recognizes the most outstanding demonstration of leadership, creativity and initiative in building diversity and maintaining the overarching goals and ideals of VOICE and continuously works to educate their student body.

### Most-Improved Chapter

The "Most Improved Chapter" award acknowledges a Chapter which has, in the course of the year, expanded its membership, developed its programming, and achieved a significantly greater level of interest in comparison to the previous year. The recipient of this award is not required to have been unsuccessful in the past, but must have improved considerably by expanding its dedication to the promotion of the ideals of VOICE.

To nominate your chapter, please send an email to [vetvoice@gmail.com](mailto:vetvoice@gmail.com) that includes a short (1-2 paragraphs) explanation of why your chapter should be considered. Winning chapters will be awarded a prize.

### National VOICE Scholarships

This year we will be awarding 4, \$500 National VOICE Scholarships to outstanding members of VOICE that have shown exemplary leadership and involvement in promoting our organization's mission of increase awareness, respect, and sensitivity to differences among all individuals and communities in the field of veterinary medicine. Individuals must be nominated to apply. Click the link below to fill out the application.

<https://vetvoicenational.files.wordpress.com/2018/10/2019-national-voice-scholarship-application.pdf>

# Announcements!

## Purdue Diversity Certificate

Purdue University offers online professional certificate programs tailored to help improve communication, leadership, teaching/learning, and cultural competency skills for individuals and groups involved with the profession of veterinary medicine. These programs offer training and resources to facilitate veterinarian-client interaction in order to optimize animal health and well-being. Click the link to learn more:

<https://vet.purdue.edu/humancenteredvetmed/students.php>



## VOICE CHAPTER SUMMIT

Our Chapter Summit will be hosted by University of Wisconsin-Madison from January 18 to January 20, in 2019. It has been decided that this retreat will serve as our annual National Meeting rather than SAVMAC Symposium this year. We hope to see you all there in January!