2027 Award Application

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NEUROSURGERY RESEARCH & EDUCATION FOUNDATION

Shelly D. Timmons Honor Your Mentor Fund

Applications for the **Shelly D. Timmons Leadership Award** are being accepted by the **AANS/CNS Section on Women in Neurosurgery** through the **Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation** (NREF).

Fund Purpose	To support leadership development for all young neurosurgeons
Award Description	One-time fellowship in developing leadership skills. The Awardee will have mentoring and shadowing opportunities with past and current WINS leaders at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting, CNS Annual Meeting or other meeting, as appropriate. Additional mentors may be included on mutual agreement to tailor the experience to the Awardee's goals.
Amount of Award	Reimbursement of travel expenses (up to a maximum of $1,000)
Application Deadline	Submit application to info@nref.org by **Friday, December 18, 2026**. Award notification is planned for February 2027.
Eligibility	Applicants must be either (1) physicians who have been accepted into, or who are currently in approved residency training programs in neurological surgery; or (2) neurosurgeons, no more than two years from having completed their neurosurgical residency training, and/or clinical fellowship, who are full-time faculty in a teaching institution or employed in private practice in the United States, Canada or Mexico. Membership in the **AANS/CNS Section on Women in Neurosurgery** is encouraged, but not mandatory
Reporting	A final summary (minimum: 500 words) and expense report (for reimbursement) is required within forty (40) days of fellowship completion.

I. General Information:

Applicant _____

Address (at which you receive mail) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

II. Documents – The following documents are required as part of this application:

- **Applicant Statement/Goals** – Submit an essay describing how your selection as an Awardee will help you attain your goals in medicine. (Minimum: 500 words)
- ***Curriculum Vitae*** **–** Include *p*ositions, awards and honors, selected peer-reviewed publications and/or research support.
- **Letter of Reference** – Please submit a letter from a board-certified neurosurgeon who is a member of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons (AANS).
- **Photo** – Please submit a professional, high-resolution photo in JPG format.

III. Agreement of Responsibility:

I have reviewed this application for an NREF Honor Your Mentor Fund Award and to the best of my knowledge, the information enclosed is accurate. I agree to release and hold harmless the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), its members, officers, and agents from any complaints or claims or demands for damage or otherwise, by reason of any act of omission or commission that they may make in connection with this application, including but not limited to the evaluation of the application and the final decision with respect to its approval and/or funding. It is understood that the decisions as to whether this application qualifies me for approval and/or funding rests solely and exclusively on the NREF Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the NREF Fund Manager(s), and that their decision is final. I understand that I will be legally bound by the foregoing.

Applicant: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____