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CBDCE is Accepting Applications for a New Scholarship Program

(Arlington Heights, IL – April 2021) – The Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education (CBDCE) is happy to announce the launch of a new scholarship program. CBDCE has established the program to support the journey for health professionals in the diabetes care and education specialty and to encourage diversity in the pool of the health professionals holding the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) credential. Scholarship applications are being accepted now through May 31, 2021. More details on the program are available at www.cbdce.org/scholarships.

Individuals chosen as recipients of the scholarship are provided with an opportunity to take the CDCES practice examination at no cost and apply for the Certification Examination for Diabetes Care and Education Specialists one time at no cost. Individuals have 2 years from the date of the scholarship award to make use of the award and will need to document meeting all current eligibility requirements for initial certification at the time of application for the Examination. The current value of each scholarship is $405.

Five categories have been established across a wide range and a maximum of twenty scholarships will be awarded in any given year. It is anticipated that four (4) awards will be given in each category. However, CBDCE reserves the right to award more than four scholarships in a specific category if there are not enough qualified candidates in other categories. Individuals may apply for more than one category, but can only be awarded a maximum of one scholarship in any given year. Applications must be submitted separately for each category.

The Scholarship Categories Include:

Diversity & Inclusion - Includes health professionals that reflect any one of many aspects of diversity within the current certified population, including, but not limited to, socioeconomic status, ethnicity, race, LGBTQIA+ community, men, and individuals with disabilities..

Profession Expansion - Includes health professionals with qualifying licenses, registrations, or degrees other than RN or RD/RDN, e.g., ACSM-CEP, MSW or Unique Qualifications Pathway (UQP) candidate.

Veterans & Active Military Service - Includes both health professionals who are veterans or holding active military status or health professionals currently working with people with diabetes in either population.

Young Professional (under age 30) - Includes health professionals who are less than 30 years of age with qualifying license, registration, or degree for the standard pathway or UQP candidate.

Underserved Population - Includes health professionals working with underserved populations.

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"The members of the CBDCE Board of Directors are excited for this inaugural set of scholarships to be awarded. Over time, we envision the program supporting expanded access to high quality care and education and providing the recipients who successfully achieve the CDCES credential with an opportunity for continued professional growth and expanded career opportunities," said Sheryl Traficano, MBA, CAE, CBDCE's Chief Executive Officer.

About CBDCE: CBDCE, formed in 1986 and celebrating its 35th anniversary in 2021, is a national not-for-profit certifying body that administers the Certified Diabetes Care and Education Specialist (CDCES) program. The CDCES program is accredited by the National Commission for Certifying Agencies, and over 19,500 health professionals in the diabetes care and education community hold the CDCES credential. CBDCE's mission is to promote comprehensive and ongoing quality diabetes clinical management, education, prevention and support by defining, developing, maintaining, and protecting the certification and credentialing processes. Learn more at www.cbdce.org or connect with us on Facebook (CertifiedDiabetesEducators) and LinkedIn (Certification Board for Diabetes Care and Education).