



3-A Sanitary Standards, Inc. Dr. Ron Schmidt Student Travel Award

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This award was created in honor of Dr. Ronald H. Schmidt, Professor Emeritus, of Gainesville, FL, who passed away on October 12, 2020. His teaching career with the University of Florida Food Science and Human Nutrition Department spanned almost 40 years and Ron was an internationally known expert on food safety and sanitary design. He traveled the world to speak, train, and consult. He published dozens of scientific papers and authored or contributed to 25 books and he was one of the founders of 3-A SSI.

Above all, Ron was passionate about engaging 3-A SSI to inspire the next generation of food industry professionals to learn about all aspects of hygienic equipment design and food safety. Through his leadership, the 3-A SSI travel award began in 2010 and today honors his legacy for those setting a professional course in a food-related career.

The **Dr. Ron Schmidt Student Travel Award** provides an opportunity for qualified full-time students enrolled in a relevant field of study to attend the **2023 3-A SSI Education Program and Annual Meeting, May 9-11, 2023** at the Hilton Minneapolis/St. Paul Mall of America in Bloomington, MN. This program is intended for students who seek to supplement their classroom training with greater practical knowledge about all aspects of hygienic design for equipment and systems used in food processing.

Application Deadline: March 20, 2023

Eligibility Criteria

- Demonstrate interest and commitment to food safety and quality as a student enrolled full-time in a food technology, food science, dairy science or other closely related program (undergraduate or graduate level) at an accredited college or university in the U.S. or Canada at the time of the application deadline.
- Submit a single application package by **March 20, 2023** with all of the following;
 - ✓ **Candidate Application Form** – Complete the attached form.
 - ✓ **Statement of Interest** - Explain your interest in hygienic equipment design/food safety, your career objective, and what you hope to gain from participating in the 3-A SSI events.
 - ✓ **Letter of Recommendation** – From a faculty member or department head.

Award Disbursement Guidelines

- Travel award is not transferable to any other party.
- Recipient will be responsible for making economy-fare travel reservations.
 - Arrival and departure should be planned according to the following tentative event schedule:
 - **Monday, May 8:** Arrival, Evening Newcomers Reception
 - **Tuesday, May 9:**
 - 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. – ‘*Foundations of Hygienic Design*’
 - 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Networking Reception
 - 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. - Student Award Recipients Dinner
 - **Wednesday, May 10:** Knowledge Sharing

- 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. – ‘Hygienic by Design: Reducing Risk in Your Facility’
- 5:00 – 6:30 p.m. - Networking Reception
- Dinner Open
- **Thursday, May 11:**
 - Attendance Optional
 - 8:00 – 9:30 a.m. 3-A Café – Networking Breakfast
 - 9:30 – 10:00 a.m. Annual Meeting
 - 10:30 – 11:30 a.m. 3-A SSI General Requirements Standard: Upcoming Revision
 - 11:30 a.m. – 12 Noon Working Groups Report
 - 12:15 p.m. Adjournment

We suggest afternoon departures.

- The travel award will cover airfare, transfers, hotel lodging, and meals at the event, subject to a \$50 per diem. Original receipts must be submitted to 3-A SSI after completion of travel. Expense report forms and instructions will be provided.
- Fees for rental cars for travel during 3-A SSI 2023 will NOT be reimbursed unless authorized for travel to/from the event in lieu of air travel.
- Hotel reservation (for single or double occupancy) will be placed and paid for directly by 3-A SSI. The reservation will be made in the recipient’s name for Arrival – Monday, May 8; Departure - Thursday, May 11.

Additional Information for Applicants

- Receipt of complete application package will be acknowledged within two business days of receipt.
- Applicants will be notified of the final decision no later than **March 31, 2023**.
- Applicant is invited (but not required) to bring a poster or technical paper from their field of interest/research for public display in a designated area outside of the meeting rooms.
- Applications can also be found on the [3-A SSI website](#).

3-A SSI Point of Contact

Application packages or any questions regarding the **3-A SSI 2023 Dr. Ron Schmidt Student Travel Award** should be directed to:

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2023 Candidate Application Form

Please provide the following candidate information (type or print clearly):

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Due Date: March 20, 2023

Please complete and send with the following:

- ✓ **Statement of Interest** (one page) – Explain your interest in hygienic equipment design/food safety, your career objectives and what you hope to gain from the 3-A SSI participation.
- ✓ **Letter of Recommendation** – From a faculty member or department head.

Signature of Applicant: _____ Date: _____

Please send all items in a single application package to trugh@3-a.org or mail.

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