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Echocardiography

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The American Society of Echocardiography

As the largest global organization for cardiovascular ultrasound imaging, the American Society of Echocardiography (ASE) is the leader and advocate, setting practice standards and guidelines. Comprised of over 16,000 physicians, sonographers, nurses and scientists, ASE is a strong voice providing guidance, expertise and education to its members with a commitment to improving the practice of ultrasound and imaging of the heart and cardiovascular system for better patient outcomes.

Fellowship (FASE) with the ASE recognizes the dedicated member's proven professional contributions and their diverse set of skills and comprehensive knowledge of all aspects of cardiovascular ultrasound. For those who meet the rigorous standards, the FASE designation lets colleagues and patients know that you're part of an outstanding group of cardiovascular ultrasound professionals.

Over 1,400 individuals have achieved this special recognition. We invite and encourage all eligible members to apply for this distinctive designation. Due to the nature of the requirements, sonography students, medical students, fellows and residents are not eligible to apply for FASE.

Professional Benefits - Your Performance Stands Out, So Should You!

- FASE recognition on name badges at ASE meetings and in the ASE Scientific Sessions Final Program
- Recognition as a new FASE member at ASE's Annual Business Meeting during the ASE Scientific Sessions
- Entitlement to use designation of Fellow (FASE) on business cards, curriculum vitae and other professional documents
- Recognition in an internationally distributed press release. ASE distributes a press release promoting those who are awarded FASE after each application cycle.
- Potential ability to command increased compensation. ASE survey results show FASE status can result in a higher pay scale (ASE 2010 Sonographer Survey)
- Ability to serve in ASE's premier volunteer positions. FASE fulfills a criteria for being nominated to ASE's board of directors, or appointed to serve as a committee chair
- Ability to be located by the public. As a public service, FASEs are listed by state on ASE's public information website www.SeeMyHeart.org
- Ability to promote your status. FASE members receive a FASE certificate to display in their office
- FASE lapel pin to wear on their attire and ribbons at ASE meetings
- Access to special events like early-bird registration and access to the FASE lounge at the ASE Scientific Sessions for unique networking and VIP amenities

FASE Deadlines, Application and Review Process

FASE applications are reviewed every other month by members of the FASE Committee. All required documents must be received by the following deadlines:

February 1

April 1

June 1

August 1

October 1

December 1

Applicants will be notified at the following times: 1) upon receipt of the FASE application submission and/or payment of the FASE application fee; 2) when there is a FASE Committee request for additional information to complete a review; and, 3) when the FASE application is approved or pending approval. The approval process takes approximately six weeks.

All application documentation should be submitted via the interactive FASE application located in the member's only section of the ASE website, www.asecho.org. Documents may also be submitted via email to FASE@asecho.org. Materials can arrive as a group or separately. Materials need to be submitted in English.

FASE FAQ'S

FASE Application Procedures

How long will it take to receive my FASE?	Review should be completed approximately six weeks after the application due date. Questions about your FASE application can be directed to (919) 861-5574 or FASE@asecho.org .
How will I be notified?	All notifications will be sent by email. Members with pending applications will be given an opportunity to provide more information. Once the candidate is approved, an email will be sent and the new FASE will be asked to confirm spelling and format of their name for its presentation on a FASE certificate. Once the deadline to respond has passed, FASE certificates will be mailed to individuals.
What if I am not approved?	All unapproved applicants are considered pending and will be provided with specific reasons for the committee's vote. Pending applicants will have an opportunity to address these issues during the current cycle, or to reapply a second time to address the issue(s) at no additional charge. A third application and any subsequent applications will require an additional \$350 ASE application fee.
How do I resubmit if my application is not approved?	Along with the application fee, applicants must provide a narrative outlining their compliance with any deficient areas from their prior application.

General FAQ's

Do I need to renew my FASE?	No, once you are approved for FASE, your designation will stay active as long as you continue to keep your ASE membership current. Non-members cannot be FASE.
What if I let my membership lapse?	If an ASE member lapses in their dues for 2 years or more, the member will have to reapply for the designation according to current published requirements and pay the reapplication fee.
Where can I find a copy of my ASE CME certificate(s)?	www.aseuniversity.org > Sign in using your ASE username and password > Your Account > CE Transcript. All ASE-branded CME courses and webinars qualify for the echo-specific education needed in the FASE application. (Other sources of cardiovascular ultrasound education can be submitted. See application details.)
I want to be a leader in ASE but have not yet fulfilled the FASE requirement. What should I do?	All candidates for the ASE Board of Directors must have FASE before they can be nominated. Committee Chairs and Co-chairs must also have FASE. Because board nominations and calls for committee volunteers occur in early Fall, you must have your FASE application completed by the August 1 cycle to allow enough time for the review process. FASE applications submitted after this date can be considered for board and committee chair positions for the following year.
What is the application and reapplication fee?	\$350 USD
I am having a hard time fulfilling the activity requirement for FASE. What options are there for me?	For more information or advice regarding volunteer opportunities with ASE, please contact FASE@asecho.org .
I am not certified or registered as a specialist in the application's check-off areas (echocardiography, vascular medicine, etc.), but I have other credentials, how can I obtain pre-approval by the FASE Committee to apply?	Members who are not boarded or credentialed in cardiovascular disease but another subspecialty (e.g.: surgery, critical care, nursing) may be allowed to apply for FASE as an exception. These other subspecialties will be considered as an exception to the rule. To submit this request, send your curriculum vitae and inquiry to FASE@asecho.org .

ARE YOU READY TO APPLY FOR FASE? Check it out below.

U.S. Physician Check List

- 1.** Member of ASE for current year and previous year (membership verified by ASE staff)
- 2.** Proof of Primary or Specialty Board Certification in **ONE** of the following areas
 - Anesthesia** - American Board of Anesthesiology (ABA), American Osteopathic Board of Anesthesiology (AOBA)
 - Cardiovascular Disease** - Cardiovascular Subspecialty Board of the American Board of Internal Medicine (ABIM) or American Osteopathic Board of Internal Medicine (AOBIM)
 - Pediatric*** - Pediatric Cardiology Subspecialty Board of the American Board of Pediatrics (ABP)
 - Surgery** - American Board of Thoracic Surgery (ABTS) or American Osteopathic Board of Surgery in Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery
 - Radiology** - American Board of Radiology (ABR) or American Osteopathic Board of Radiology (AOBR)
 - General Vascular Medicine** - American Board of Vascular Medicine (ABVM) or American Board of Vascular Surgery (ABVS)
- 3.** Proof of **ONE** of the following:
 - Current National Board of Echocardiography Certification in Adult or Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography
 - Credentialing as Registered Physicians Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) if Board certification in General Vascular Medicine (ABVM) or surgery (ABVS)
 - Other subspecialties will be considered as an exception to the rule and will only be considered on a case-by-case basis with prior approval from the FASE Committee, however other board certifications will generally not be accepted.
- *NOTE:** Since there is no current certification exam directed towards pediatric echocardiography, board certification in Pediatric Cardiology will suffice for the time being for these applicants.

 - 4.** Verification (certificates/transcripts) of completion of 25 CME hours specific to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three years preceding submission of the application
 - 5.** Three supporting letters that reflect that **TWO** of the following requirements are fulfilled. Supporting letters and curriculum vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in **TWO or more** of the following three professional activities within the past five years:
 - Scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound
 - Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
 - Active participation (outside of attendance) at ASE sponsored activities or other local/ regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound societies. Active participation in other echo-related volunteer activities outside the applicant's primary employment fulfill these criteria. *Please see page 8 for specifics on supporting letters.*
 - 6.** A one page narrative outlining your participation in the above categories, including specific examples whenever possible. It is suggested that you provide this information to the individuals writing your letters of recommendation. *Please see page 8 for specifics on one page narratives.*
 - 7.** Up-to-date curriculum vitae (reflective of activities within one year of FASE application)

Non-U.S. Physician Check List

- 1.** Member of ASE for current and previous year (membership verified by ASE staff)
 - 2.** Proof of Primary or Specialty Board Certification in **ONE** of the following areas (examples provided):
 - Anesthesia** (e.g. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada [RCPSC])
 - Cardiology/Cardiovascular Disease** (e.g. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada [RCPSC])
 - Pediatric** (e.g. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada [RCPSC])
 - Surgery** (e.g. Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada [RCPSC])
 - Radiology** (e.g. American Board of Radiology [ABR])
 - Vascular Medicine** (American Board of Vascular Medicine [ABVM], American Board of Vascular Surgery [ABVS] or its international equivalent)
 - 3.** And proof of **ONE** of the following:
 - Current National Board of Echocardiography Certification in Adult or Perioperative Transesophageal Echocardiography
 - Current European Association of Echocardiography (EAE) certification in Adult Transesophageal Echocardiography (TEE), Adult Transthoracic Echocardiography (TTE) or Congenital Heart Disease Echocardiography (CHD)
 - Credentialing as Registered Physicians Vascular Interpretation (RPVI) if board certification in Vascular Medicine, Vascular Surgery or its international equivalent
 - Other boards that show commitment to cardiovascular ultrasound will be considered on a case-by-case basis with prior approval from the FASE Committee
 - 4.** Verification (certificates/transcripts) of completion of 25 CME hours specific to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three years preceding submission of the application
 - 5.** Three supporting letters that reflect that **TWO** of the following requirements are fulfilled.
Supporting letters and curriculum vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in **TWO or more** of the following three professional activities within the past five years:
 - Served as a senior, first, or corresponding author on scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound
 - Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
 - Active participation at ASE-sponsored activities or other local/regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound societies outside of attendance (Executive Committee Officer, Board of Directors, Program Chair, Committee Chair, etc.) Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities that are outside the applicant's primary employment fulfill these criteria.
- Please see page 8 for specifics on supporting letters.*
- 6.** A one page narrative outlining your participation in the above categories, including specific examples whenever possible. It is suggested that you provide this information to the individuals writing your letters of recommendation. *Please see page 8 for specifics on one page narratives.*
 - 7.** Up-to-date curriculum vitae (reflective of activities within one year of FASE application)

Researcher Check List

- 1.** Member of ASE for current and previous year (membership verified by ASE staff)
- 2.** Holds a PhD degree (cannot hold an active medical license)
- 3.** A one page narrative outlining your participation in TWO of the three categories, including specific examples whenever possible. It is suggested that you provide this information to the individuals writing your letters of recommendation. Their letters will serve as confirmation of your activities. *Please see page 8 for specifics on one page narratives.*
- 4.** Up-to-date curriculum vitae (reflective of activities within one year of FASE application)
- 5.** Three supporting letters that reflect that TWO of the following requirements are fulfilled. Supporting letters and curriculum vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in two or more of the following three professional activities within the past five years:
 - Served as a senior, first, or corresponding author on scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound
 - Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
 - Active participation at ASE-sponsored activities or other local/regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound societies outside of attendance (Executive Committee Officer, Board of Directors, Program Chair, Committee Chair, etc.). Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities outside the applicant's primary employment fulfill these criteria. *Please see page 8 for specifics on supporting letters.*

Cardiovascular Sonographer and Vascular Technologist Check List

- 1.** Member of ASE for current year and previous year (membership verified by ASE staff)
- 2.** Proof of current credentials maintained for the previous five years in one of the following:
 - Cardiovascular Sonographer** – Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer (RDCS) from the American Registry for Diagnostic Medical Sonography (ARDMS) or Registered Cardiac Sonographer (RCS) from Cardiovascular Credentialing International (CCI)
 - Pediatric and Congenital Echocardiography** – RDCS (PE) from ARDMS or Registered Congenital Cardiac Sonographer (RCCS) from CCI
 - Vascular** – Registered Vascular Technologist (RVT) from ARDMS or Registered Vascular Specialist (RVS) from CCI
 - Other credentials that show commitment to cardiovascular ultrasound will be considered on a case-by-case basis with prior approval from the FASE Committee (e.g. international credentialing bodies).
- 3.** Up-to-date curriculum vitae (reflective of activities within one year of the FASE application)
- 4.** Verification (certificates/transcripts) of completion of 15 CEU/CME hours devoted to cardiovascular ultrasound in the three years preceding the submission of the application

Cardiovascular Sonographer and Vascular Technologist *continued*

- 5.** Three supporting letters that reflect that TWO of the following requirements are fulfilled. One of the three letters must have a physician as a source. Supporting letters and curriculum vitae will be assessed by verifiable participation in two or more of the following three professional activities with the past five years:
 - Scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound
 - Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching
 - Active participation (outside of attendance) at ASE sponsored activities or other local/regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound societies. Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities outside the applicant's primary employment fulfill these criteria.
Please see specifics on supporting letters below.
- 6.** A one page narrative outlining your participation in TWO of the three categories, including specific examples whenever possible. It is suggested that you provide this information to the individuals writing your letters of recommendation. Their letters will serve as confirmation of your activities. *Please see specifics on one page narratives below.*

Specifics On Supporting Letters

Supporting letters must reflect the FASE requirements and be submitted from ANY of the following sources:

1. A current FASE member
2. ASE Board of Directors, Committee or Council Board member
3. Officer of a Local, Regional or International Cardiovascular Ultrasound Society
4. Faculty of an approved or accredited cardiovascular ultrasound program or physician training program
5. Medical and/or Technical Director of an Echocardiography lab/program

Specifics On One Page Narratives

To ensure that your application is complete, please provide a one page narrative (or cover letter) that specifically outlines your participation in at least TWO of the following three categories (research, education, volunteerism/leadership). Providing this information to the individuals writing your letters of recommendation would assist them to confirm your activities (include specific examples).

RESEARCH

Scientific publications in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound.

In order to fulfill this category, participation in the research must have occurred within the last five years. For physicians, authorship in at least one publication is required. For sonographers, active participation in the research is required, however authorship is encouraged but not required.

The following types of activities are acceptable:

- Echo related scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals (please provide citation in your curriculum vitae and explain in your personal narrative)
- A section of a text or book in topics related to cardiovascular ultrasound (please provide citation in your curriculum vitae and explain in your personal narrative)
- Special cases: You are not listed in the author information but have been integral to the research process (please provide details in your personal narrative, curriculum vitae and in the letters of recommendation)

The following types of activities are not acceptable:

- Publication of abstracts or cases alone do not fulfill this category
- Publication in the *New York Times*

Sample statement for letter of recommendation:

"In the last five years, Dr. _____ has been first author on three echo related research articles published in JASE."

EDUCATION

Commitment to education in cardiovascular ultrasound as demonstrated on a regular basis by teaching.

Active, ongoing participation in education of students, residents, fellows, other healthcare providers and/or sonographers is required. Please outline your teaching obligations and how many hours have been spent participating in teaching activities.

The following types of activities are acceptable:

- Regular training and education of students, fellows, residents, sonographers, etc.
- Writing curricula for a department/lab focused on cardiovascular ultrasound and instituting its use (provide examples and details in your personal narrative and the letters of recommendation)
- Serving as faculty (presenting) at a local/regional/international meeting on a cardiovascular ultrasound topic

The following types of activities are not acceptable:

- Participating in daily/grand rounds
- Speaking on non-cardiovascular ultrasound topics

Sample statement for letter of recommendation:

"Dr./Mr. _____ has spoken every year for our regional echo conference since 2005 and always sits down with the lab to update us on trends after attending a national echo conference."

LEADERSHIP/VOLUNTEERISM

Active participation (outside of attendance) at ASE sponsored activities or other local/regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound societies.

Active participation in other echo related volunteer activities outside the applicant's primary employment fulfill these criteria.

The following types of activities are acceptable:

- Serving on ASE Committees, Task Forces, and/or Council Boards
 - Volunteering for a committee, board or group related to cardiovascular ultrasound.
(Please provide name, purpose and time commitment in your personal narrative and the letters of recommendation.)
 - ASE micro-volunteering. Opportunities include: participating in surveys; serving as an ASE representative at a forum; abstract case reviewer; educational content reviewer; writing group author
- Volunteering for a local/regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound meeting to include organizing, speaking, securing meeting space, securing industry support, etc.
- Serving as an officer for a local/regional/international cardiovascular ultrasound organization
- Participating in cardiovascular ultrasound outreach or free screenings aimed at the public or underserved populations.

The following types of activities are not acceptable:

- Attending an ASE (or other) professional conference
- Volunteering for a rotary club
- Serving as an officer of the Make A Wish Foundation

Sample statement for letters of recommendation:

"Mr. _____ is a busy sonographer who still finds time to provide free screenings and educate the public on cardiovascular disease."

"Ms. _____ spearheaded the effort to start a local echo society and continues to be involved as an officer."

These guidelines and sample statements are provided to help you in the application process. Use these guidelines to determine the focus of your application. If you are unable to fulfill these criteria and would like help, please contact FASE@asecho.org. There are many activities that ASE provides to members that may help you qualify.

We look forward to welcoming you as a new FASE!

We are the heart and circulation ultrasound specialists dedicated to improving our patients' health and quality of life. We use ultrasound to provide an exceptional view of the cardiovascular system to enhance patient care.



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