**SSA Conference Scholarship Program Recommendation Form**

The Executive of the Spine Society is committed to making the Spine Society of Australia Annual Scientific Meeting accessible to early career participants. To honour this commitment, the SSA is offering Scholarships for Australasian (Australia / NZ) Early Career ASM attendees.

Applicants are asked to include a recommendation from their employer, supervisor or academic instructor, which includes but is not limited to the applicant’s area of work, how the applicant will benefit from the conference and how the applicant will disseminate the knowledge on return.

Please return this form directly to the Spine Society by emailing [ssa2022@dcconferences.com.au](mailto:ssa2022@dcconferences.com.au). The application must be received by the deadline.

SECTION 1 - TO BE COMPLETED BY APPLICANT

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| **NAME OF APPLICANT** |  |
| **APPLICANT’S ROLE & ORGANISATION** |  |

SECTION 2 – TO BE COMPLETED BY AN EMPLOYER, SUPERVISOR OR ACADEMIC INSTRUCTOR WHO HAS WORKED WITH THE APPLICANT

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| **NAME** |  | |
| **TITLE & POSITION** |  | |
| **INSTITUTION** |  | |
| **EMAIL ADDRESS** |  | |
| **SIGNATURE** |  | **DATE** |

1. In what capacity and how long have you known the applicant?

Years known: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Student Supervisor

Trainee Supervisor

Clinical Colleague

Academic Colleague

Other  Please specify\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

2. In what way would attending this meeting contribute to the applicant’s academic or professional development?

3. How will the applicant disseminate knowledge gained at the conference to their organisation or network?

4. How would you rate the applicant in the following areas? If you are unable to evaluate an area please leave it blank.

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|  | Excellent | Very Good | Average | Below Average |
| Clinical knowledge |  |  |  |  |
| Academic knowledge |  |  |  |  |
| Leadership |  |  |  |  |
| Initiative |  |  |  |  |
| Seriousness of purpose |  |  |  |  |
| Adaptability |  |  |  |  |
| Maturity |  |  |  |  |
| Teaching ability |  |  |  |  |
| Research generation |  |  |  |  |

5. Additional comments: