

# National Patient Counseling Competition Toolkit

## Local Winner's Guide & Checklist

### Tips for Success

The Finance Committee should obtain funding for the local competition and funds to help defray the expenses of sending the local winner to the National Competition. Optimally, \$1,000 is the recommended total for prizes and any additional funds should be allocated for travel assistance to the APhA Annual Meeting.

It is best practice to award a local winner *before* early bird registration closes for APhA Annual Meeting and Expo to better support the chapter and the local winner in competing in the National Patient Counseling Competition. Encourage your local competition coordinator to plan accordingly and follow dates and deadlines closely.

It is essential that participants in the National Competition schedule their appointments **BEFORE** making travel arrangements. If an appointment has not been reserved for a school or its winner and the student is unable to compete in the remaining slots available, the student will be unable to participate in the National Competition.

### Once a local winner is chosen, the *local winner* must:

- ☐ Contact APhA Headquarters to schedule an appointment for the National Competition at [APhA-ASP@aphanet.org](mailto:APhA-ASP@aphanet.org).  
**This must be done by the winner, not the chapter advisor or local competition coordinator**
- ☐ Make sure APhA-ASP membership is current. Student pharmacists must be an APhA-ASP member to compete in the National Patient Counseling Competition.
- ☐ Register for APhA2023 Annual Meeting & Exposition.
- ☐ Make airline and hotel reservations after scheduling an appointment and registering for the meeting.
- ☐ Make appropriate financial arrangements with school or local APhA-ASP chapter.
- ☐ Arrive 10 minutes prior to scheduled appointment.
- ☐ For the preliminary and final round, remember to dress professionally, including a white coat.

Please note that this deadline is **FIRM**—there will be no exceptions. Have winner contact APhA to schedule appointment time to compete in the national competition at [APhA-ASP@aphanet.org](mailto:APhA-ASP@aphanet.org).

**If your competition is set to occur after the February 18th deadline, contact APhA to make arrangements for your student.**