

**THE VASCULAR BIRTHMARKS FOUNDATION**

**PRESENTS THE**

***ANA M. DUARTE, MD, FAAP, FAAD***

***“EMPOWERING WOMEN” SCHOLARSHIP***



**Annual Application Deadline – April 30<sup>th</sup>**

VBF is pleased to announce the **Ana M. Duarte, MD, “Empowering Women” Scholarship**. This annual scholarship program honors Dr. Duarte for tireless efforts to promote scholarship, academics, and empowerment in women.

Ana M Duarte, MD, FAAD, FAAP completed medical school in 1988 at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She continued her training completing two residencies, Pediatrics in 1991, and Dermatology in 1995. She also completed a 1 year fellowship in Pediatric Dermatology in 1992. All of her training taking place at Jackson Memorial Hospital, University of Miami School of Medicine. She was boarded by the American Board of Medical Subspecialties (ABMS) in Pediatrics and remains boarded in Dermatology (ABMS) and Pediatric Dermatology (ABMS). She is licensed to practice medicine in the State of Florida.

In 1995 she was appointed the Director of Dermatology at Nicklaus Children's Hospital and founded the Children's Skin Center, PA located on the campus of Nicklaus Children's Hospital. She is an Associate Professor for Nova Southeastern University Department of Dermatology as well as Voluntary Faculty at the University of Miami Department of Dermatology. She is a Clinical Associate Professor, Department of Dermatology, Florida International University, Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine.

Her main area of interest is in the treatment of vascular lesions and in 1995 she developed the Laser Center at Miami Children's Hospital, a center focusing on the laser treatment of vascular lesions. In 2009 she developed and was appointed Director of The International Birthmark Institute (TIBI) at Nicklaus Children's Hospital: a multidisciplinary team of subspecialists dedicated to the treatment of all birthmarks with a special focus on vascular anomalies.

On a personal note Dr. Duarte became a competitive figure skater in 2012. She won 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the United States Figure Skating (USFS) Sectional Title for Ladies PreBronze Free Skate on 03/10/2013. Dr. Duarte won 1<sup>st</sup> Place USFS National Title Adult Nationals 2014 Bronze Ice Dance. Dr. Duarte also won 1<sup>st</sup> place Title ISU World Championship 2014 Bronze Ice Dance Oberstdorf, Germany. In 2016. Dr. Duarte won 1<sup>st</sup> place USFS National Title Silver Ice Dance.

The scholarships will be limited to \$1,000. A Committee will evaluate each of the applicants and make award decisions.

The VBF board and staff are excited to be able to offer this financial support to students who have chosen to pursue higher education.

#### SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM CRITERIA

- Applicant must be enrolled or anticipate enrollment as a **full-time student** in an undergraduate or graduate school.
- Applicant must be a US citizen or legal resident living in the US and enrolled in an accredited United States university.
- Applicant will be required to conduct a charitable event during the school year.

#### APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

- Applicant must provide a Personal Statement (maximum of 800 words, double spaced), including brief personal history regarding educational/career goals, extra-curricular activities, humanitarian work to date, and reason why you should be selected by the Committee. If applicant has a vascular birthmark, tumor, or syndrome, a description should be included. This statement must be written solely by the applicant
- Applicant must provide two (2) Letters of Recommendation (One must be from a teacher or academic advisor). Letters may be sent by U. S. mail or by email

attachment as pdf and should include the signature of the teacher or advisor, and the name of student should appear in the subject line of the email.

- Applicant must provide an official copy of high school or college transcript, which can be emailed as a PDF with application
- Applicant must agree to allow VBF to use their name, picture and/or story in future scholarship materials.

Please attach your application, supporting materials, etc. and email to: [info@birthmark.org](mailto:info@birthmark.org)

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