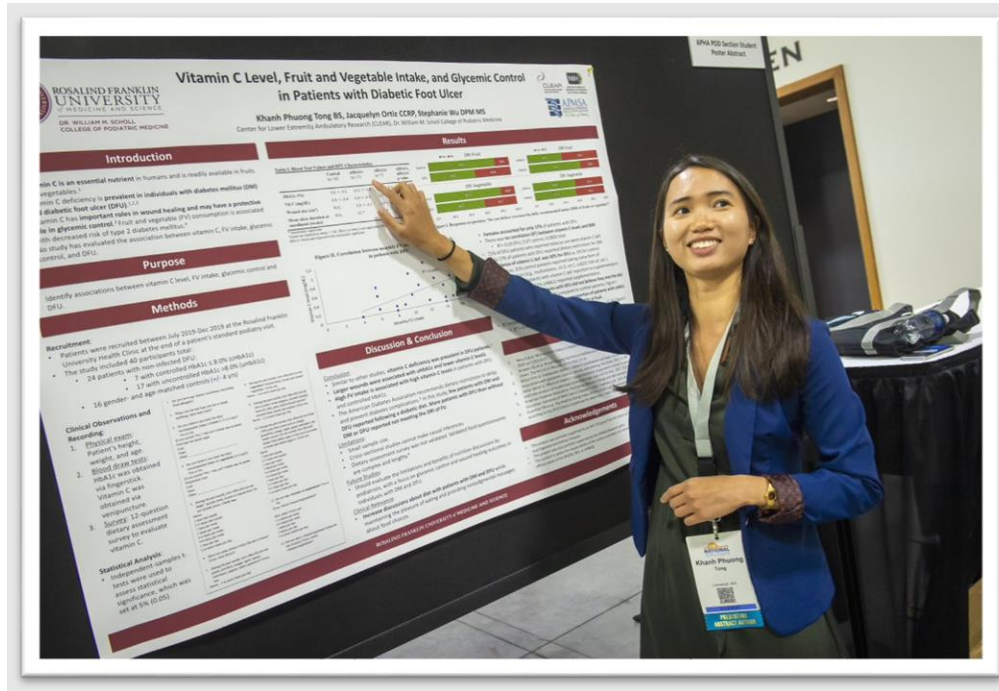


2022-2023 Scholarship Application



APMA EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION APPLICATION

The APMA Educational Foundation's mission is to advance the growth and stability of podiatric medicine through student scholarships and increasing nationwide awareness of foot and ankle health. The foundation manages the scholarship program and supports APMA projects and initiatives.

2021 Snapshot

- \$330,000 in aid awarded to podiatric medical students
- 192 students supported
- Scholarships awarded from more than 60 endowed funds and other initiatives, including a full-tuition scholarship awarded in partnership with PICA

Criteria

The APMA Educational Foundation awards scholarships to qualified students at the nine schools of podiatric medicine around the country. The foundation takes into account the following four criteria:

1. Third- and fourth-year standing
2. Financial need, as determined by the US Department of Education.
3. Grade Point Average (minimum 2.5 required).
4. Extracurricular activities demonstrating awareness and commitment to APMA's mission, such as community service, school leadership and/or other student involvement.

Policies Governing Scholarship Disbursement

- All scholarship applicants must be APMA members. APMA offers complimentary membership to students. To become a member, call 800-275-2762 and ask for the Membership department.
- A committee at each college consisting of 3-5 members, including, but not limited to, the financial aid officer, faculty, and administration members, will assess section criteria, review applications, and make final decisions on student eligibility.
- The APMA Educational Foundation makes payments to each school identifying individual scholarship recipients. The scholarship funds must be directly credited to the student's tuition account.

Eligibility

- Podiatric medical student in good standing as determined by the academic institution
- Third- or fourth-year student status
- Financial need
- GPA (2.5 and above)
- Demonstrated commitment to APMA's mission by way of podiatric community/school service

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The APMA Educational Foundation offers funding from more than 60 named endowment scholarship funds, as well as the Maryland Residency scholarship fund and the foundation's general scholarship fund.

Check the appropriate boxes below to indicate which award(s) you wish to be considered for:



APMA Educational Foundation Named Scholarship

All students meeting the above eligibility criteria will be considered for named scholarships.

Maryland Residency Scholarship

Two fourth-year students will be selected from the Dr. William M. Scholl College of Podiatric Medicine at the Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science. This independent award is for travel expenses when applying to Maryland residency programs and is awarded *in addition to* any other funds awarded.

APMA-PICA Full-Tuition Scholarship

This \$45,000 award will go to a student with financial need who demonstrates extraordinary potential. The winner will be selected from a pool of nine final candidates (one per school). **Check here if you wish to be considered, and then answer all questions on the next page, including question 4.** Third-year students will be given preference for this award.

Discretionary Awards

From time to time, the APMA Educational Foundation may elect to make awards in the following categories, depending on available funding. Please indicate if you meet either or both of these eligibility criteria:

First-Generation Scholarship

First-generation students are those who are the first in their immediate family to attend an institute of higher education in the United States.

International Student Scholarship

International students are often disqualified by the US Department of Education from receiving federal financial aid. The APMA Educational Foundation seeks to support our profession's international students by offering this award to students currently in the US on a visa and/or students who do not hold US citizenship.

Applicant Details

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____

Email Address: _____

College of Podiatric Medicine Currently Attending: _____

Expected Graduation Date: ____/____

Reminder:

Application deadline (application must be turned over to financial aid office by this date): May 1, 2022

Award disbursement: September – October 2022

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Personal Background

The APMA Educational Foundation is a registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organization established to increase nationwide awareness and understanding of foot and ankle health. The APMA Educational Foundation is the not-for-profit educational arm of APMA and is dedicated to advancing the growth and stability of podiatric medicine through student scholarships.

Established in 2012, the APMA Educational Foundation has awarded over \$4 million in scholarships to podiatric students across the country. Every year, we award approximately 200 extraordinary students for their community service, research efforts, and excitement for the future of podiatry.

The APMA Educational Foundation is seeking students who are passionate in their studies, interested in bettering the field of podiatry, and eager to give back.

1. **All applicants:** List your involvement in organizations, committees, clubs, etc. Please list any leadership positions (name of position and duration).
2. **All applicants:** List any activities or projects you have completed in representation of your college or the podiatric profession. This may include research, community service, career presentations, or involvement in community-based groups.
3. **All applicants:** The APMA Educational Foundation seeks to support students who desire to stay involved with APMA upon graduating and entering the field. As a young physician, how do you see yourself staying involved with APMA? (Limit 1-2 paragraphs.)
4. **PICA Full-Tuition applicants only:** In an essay of 250-500 words, please tell us what brought you to the field of podiatry, what barriers (if any) you have faced along the way, and what are your aspirations once you complete your degree. You may attach your essay separately.

I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate and the above information is released with my permission.

Signature of Applicant: _____ **Date:** _____

After signing, please submit your application to the appropriate financial aid personnel for completion. Thank you for your interest in the APMA Educational Foundation.

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Part 1: To be completed by the Financial Aid Officer

Current Financial Need:

- Acute
- High
- Moderate
- Low

Current GPA: _____

(Note: Applicants must possess a GPA of at least 2.5.)

Class Standing:

- Upper 10 percent
- Upper 25 percent
- Upper 50 percent
- Lower than 50 percent

Part 2: The remainder of this section is for College Review Committee Use only and must be completed by the podiatric department at each respective institution before submission to the APMA Educational Foundation.

| Consideration | YES | NO |
|---|-----|----|
| Tuition loan for DPM college only | | |
| Tuition loan for DPM college and undergraduate college | | |
| Job while in DPM college | | |
| No loans | | |
| APMSA or Student Body member (active) | | |
| President or President-elect | | |
| Class Officer (VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Liaison, etc.) | | |
| National Delegates | | |
| Other student organizations | | |
| President or President-elect | | |
| Officer (VP, Treasurer, Secretary, Liaison, etc.) | | |
| Intramural Sports | | |
| Volunteer Work (as part of or separate from institution) | | |
| Current research involvement or current/past career presentation(s) | | |

Please use this space to comment on anything else you feel that we should know about this student. This information will remain confidential:

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| | 4-5 Points | 2-3 Points | 0-1 Points |
|--|---|---|---|
| Financial Need | The applicant expresses acute or high financial need. | The applicant expresses moderate financial need. | The applicant expresses low to no financial need. |
| GPA & Class Standing | The applicant is in the top 10% (5 pts.) or top 25% (4 pts.) of their class. | The applicant is in the top 50% of their class (3 pts.). | The applicant is in the lower 50% of their class (1 pt.). |
| Personal Statement | The applicant has provided full transparency into their interests, passions, and values. The applicant offers a clear depiction of their personal life, individuality, and goals. | The applicant has provided details about their interests and passions. The applicant offers pieces of their personal life, individuality, and goals. | The applicant has provided little to no information about their interests, passions, or values. The applicant's response demonstrates low interest in the opportunity and/or low effort in expressing each portion of the prompt. |
| Community | The applicant is a well-rounded student, participating in clubs, committees, intramural sports, community events, etc. The applicant has made a positive impact on fellow students, their school, and the program. Involvement and advocacy efforts are clearly detailed. | The applicant is involved in clubs, committees, intramural sports, and community events but does not clearly detail the impact they have made on the school, their peers, or the community. | The applicant is not involved in their school, peer, or local community. The applicant did not include sufficient details on community involvement. |
| Extra+ (Each column evaluated for each student) | The applicant is or has been an officer within APMSA (+5 pts.). The applicant holds or has held a leadership position within the student body (+4 pts.). | The applicant is currently involved in or has been involved in research relevant to podiatric medicine and surgery (+3 pts.). | The applicant expresses additional details in their essay demonstrating exceptional need: head of household, extensive travel to/from program, financial roadblock to pressing opportunity (+1 pt. Each). |