

2021-2022 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.

Quick Facts

- More than \$4 million in scholarships have been awarded since 2012.
- Approximately 200 students each year have received financial assistance.
- The minimum level of scholarship support is \$1,000.
- The foundation distributes about \$200,000 each year.

Criteria

The APMA Educational Foundation awards scholarships to qualified third- and fourth-year students at the nine schools of podiatric medicine around the country. The foundation takes into account the following three criteria:

1. Financial Need, as determined by the US Department of Education.
2. Grade Point Average (minimum 2.5 required).
3. 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.
- Five percent of the endowment corpus must be used annually and distributed to all nine colleges.
- Scholarship may only be distributed to third- and fourth-year students.
- A committee at each college consisting of 3-5 members, including, but not limited to, the financial aid officer, faculty, and administration members, must assess section criteria, review applications, and make final decisions.
- 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

- 3rd or 4th year 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 the named endowment scholarship fund and the Maryland Residency scholarship fund. Check the appropriate box below to indicate which award you wish to be considered for. (You may apply to both.)

APMA Educational Foundation Named Scholarship

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.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

Date of Birth: ___/___/_____

Current Address (or permanent address where APMA can contact you between August–September): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

College of Podiatric Medicine Currently Attending: _____

Graduation Date: ___/_____

Reminder:

Application deadline (application must be turned over to financial aid office): April 30, 2021

Award disbursement: Late Summer

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Personal Statement

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.

Essay: Please read the following prompt carefully and respond with a one-page essay (single spaced, maximum of 500 words).

Prompt: At the APMA Educational Foundation, we seek out students who desire to stay involved with the organization upon graduating and contribute to the various programs APMA has to offer. As a podiatric medical student, what positive contributions have you already made to the field of podiatry? As a young physician, how do you see yourself staying involved with APMA and the Educational Foundation?

1. List your involvement in organizations, committees, clubs, etc. Please list any leadership positions you hold or have held and for how long. List associated accomplishments.

2. List any significant 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.

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

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 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).