

General Scholarships Available to All PA Students

AAPA State Chapters Scholarships: The American Academy of Physician Assistants has a federated structure of 57-chartered chapters representing PAs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the federal services. Officially recognized organizations and groups have a link to their Web sites and e-mail addresses from the link below. Most chapters have a student scholarship program. Qualifications for the scholarships vary but applicants often need to have originated from the state or be attending a program in the state.

Web Site URL: <https://members.aapa.org/extra/constituents/chapter-menu.cfm>

AAPA Professional Specialty Organizations: The American Academy of Physician Assistants recognizes specialty organizations. Officially recognized specialty organizations have a link to their Web sites and e-mail addresses from the link below. Most organizations have a student scholarship program. Qualifications for the scholarships vary, but applicants typically need to have demonstrated an interest in the specialty through previous employment in the area or other mechanisms.

Web Site URL: <https://members.aapa.org/extra/constituents/special-menu.cfm>

PA Foundation Annual Scholarship Program: Since 1989, this program has awarded over \$ 1 million to deserving PA students across the country. Scholarships are awarded on the basis of financial need, academic achievement, extracurricular activities, and future goals as a PA. Approximately 40 PA students each year receive an award. The PA Foundation distributes scholarships in \$5,000, \$3,000, or \$2,000 denominations. All applicants must attend an accredited PA Program and be enrolled in the professional phase of their program and must be a student member of the AAPA. Each application is reviewed by the Foundation's Scholarship Committee which is comprised of physician assistants. Awards are made in May of each year.

Web Site URL: <http://www.aapa.org/paf/annual-student.php>

National Health Services Corp Scholarship Program: The NHSC offers a competitive scholarship program designed for students committed to providing primary health care in communities of greatest need. Scholarship recipients serve where they are most needed upon completion of their training.

The program offers the following benefits for up to 4 years of education:

- Payment of tuition and fees
- Twelve monthly stipend payments per year of scholarship support
- Payment of other reasonable educational expenses, such as books, supplies, and equipment

Directly upon completion of your training, you will choose a practice site in a federally designated health professional shortage area identified as having the greatest need. Period of service is 1 year for each year of support you receive, with a 2-year minimum commitment.

To request an application, call 1-800-221-9393.

Web Site URL: http://nhsc.bhpr.hrsa.gov/join_us/scholarships.asp

University of Iowa PA Program Scholarships

The Denis R. Oliver Biochemistry Award: This award was established by the Class of 1998 in honor of Denis R. Oliver in appreciation for his commitment to the PA profession. For over 27 years he has taught biochemistry to the first year students. The award is given to a PA student based on demonstrated academic excellence in biochemistry.

Recipient: 1
Amount: \$500

The Denis R. Oliver Student Recognition Award: Named after the former director of the Physician Assistant Program, this award honors those senior physician assistant students who have contributed significantly to their class and the program by their persona, example and deeds. These students have left an undeniable and indelible mark on fellow members of the class and others associated with the program. Recipients are selected by a vote of the PA students in the second year of the program.

Recipients: 3
Amount: ~ \$1,500 each

The Marty Holmes Memorial Award: This award recognizes a senior student that best exemplifies the qualities and attitudes that were held and embraced by Marty Holmes, a 1980 graduate of The University of Iowa Physician Assistant Program. As a student, Marty radiated confidence and good humor; as an optimist he enjoyed life and never lost sight of those less fortunate than he. As a person of inquiry, he questioned everything and would not accept vague or unsupported responses to scientific questions. He was analytical and objective and yet compassionate and non-judgmental. He loved life and strived to live life to the fullest. He passed away in July 1996. One student is selected to receive this award each year by the program faculty.

Recipient: 1
Amount: \$1,000

Kollmorgen Scholarship: This endowed scholarship was established by Dan and Karen (Struve) Kollmorgen in 2002. Karen Kollmorgen is a University of Iowa PA Program graduate of the Class of 1989. The award recognizes a student who has exhibits excellence in all aspects of the program. One student is selected to receive this award each year by the program faculty.

Recipient: 1
Amount: \$500

Rex Montgomery Scholarship:

Named after a former director of the Physician Assistant Program, this award is given to a first year physician assistant students who shows promise as a PA and who has unique demonstration of financial need.

Recipient: 1
Amount: ~\$2,000