

Physician Assistant Scholarship and Awards

The Denis R. Oliver Foundations PA 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 nearly 30 years, he taught biochemistry to first-year students. The award is given to a PA student during their first year in the program based on demonstrated academic excellence in biochemistry. It is awarded to the student who achieves the highest % in the MOHD Foundations course.

Recipient: 1 student
Amount: \$1,000 – One Time Award

Rex Montgomery PA Scholarship: Rex Montgomery established this endowed scholarship. Dr. Montgomery served as the original director of the University of Iowa's Physician Assistant Program and held the positions of associate dean of research in the Carver College of Medicine and interim vice president of research for the University. This award is given to a physician assistant student who shows promise as a PA and who has a unique demonstration of financial need. The scholarship is given to a PA student during their first year in the program.

Recipient: 4 students
Amount: \$1,000 – per semester (4 semesters) per student

Denis R. Oliver PA Scholarship: This scholarship has been endowed on behalf of Denis R. Oliver, Ph.D., past Professor and Director of the Physician Assistant Program at The University of Iowa. Denis devoted nearly 30 years of his academic career to the Physician Assistant Program at The University of Iowa. From the program's inception in 1972 until his retirement, Dr. Oliver was a teacher, researcher, and leader in the University of Iowa's PA Program, directing it for 25 years. Dr. Oliver lived by very high personal standards and encouraged the same integrity in those around him. He touched many lives – both on the academic and professional levels. The scholarship is given to a PA student with demonstrated need during their first year in the program.

Recipient: 4 students
Amount: \$1,000 – per semester (4 semesters) per student

Daniel R. and Karen Struve Kollmorgen PA Scholarship: This endowed scholarship was established by Dan and Karen (Struve) Kollmorgen. Karen Kollmorgen is a University of Iowa PA Program graduate of the Class of 1989. Dan Kollmorgen is a 1990 graduate of The University of Iowa College of Medicine. They established this award to support a student in the University of Iowa Physician Assistant Program. The scholarship is given to a PA student during their second year in the program.

Recipient: 1 student
Amount: \$2,000 – One Time Award

The Denis R. Oliver PA Student Recognition Award: Named after the former director of the Physician Assistant Program, this award honors those senior PA students who have contributed significantly to their class and the program by their persona, for 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 of the award are nominated by their fellow PA classmates and selected by the PA Faculty. The awards are given to PA students during their second year in the program.

Recipient: Up to 4 students
Amount: \$2,000 per student

The Marty Holmes PA Memorial Award: This award recognizes a PA 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. The award is given to a PA student during their second year in the program.

Recipient: 1 student
Amount: \$1,000 – One Time Award

General Scholarships Available to PA Students

American Academy of Physician Assistant (AAPA) Organizational Scholarships:

AAPA has a federated structure of chartered chapters representing PAs in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Guam, and the federal services. AAPA has many opportunities for students to apply for scholarships, either as a new student or once you are in a PA Program. The following link contains the information on these scholarship opportunities:

- <https://www.aapa.org/search/?search=scholarships>

Iowa Physician Assistant Society (IPAS)

Iowa's State Association for PAs, IPAS, awards a scholarship to one student from each of the PA Programs in the state of Iowa. Information on IPAS is presented during the Orientation Program. The following link contains information on scholarship opportunities.

- <https://www.iapasociety.org/>

National Health Service Corp Scholarship Program

NHSC offers competitive scholarship programs designed for students committed to providing health care in communities of greatest need. Scholarship recipients serve where they are most needed upon completion of their PA training.

The program offers the following benefits for up to 4 years of postsecondary/professional 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 services is one year for each year of support you received, with a minimum 2-year commitment.

The following link provides more information on the NHSC Scholarship Program:

- <https://nhsc.hrsa.gov/scholarships/index.html>

US Branches of the Military

The six branches of the military may provide scholarship opportunities for students working in the healthcare profession. To learn more about these opportunities, please visit the following websites:

- Airforce Website <https://airforce.com>
- Army Website <https://goarmy.com>
- Coast Guard Website <https://uscg.mil>
- Marine Corps <https://marines.com>
- Navy <https://navy.com>
- Space Force <https://spaceforce.mil>