



American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation

Resident/Early Career Physician Scholarship

Trip Date: February 15 - 22, 2025

Location: Dominican Republic

Application opens: June 1, 2024

Application due date: August 31, 2024

Awards will be announced: September 30, 2024

Program Description:

The Family Medicine Cares International (FMCI) Program, developed and funded by the AAFP Foundation seeks to support, enhance, and increase local medical workforce capacity by building and improving healthcare outcomes for vulnerable people in the central and eastern regions of the Dominican Republic through medical education, direct clinical care, and a children's project.

Requirements:

1. Resident candidates must:

- Be a PGY2 or PGY3 Family Medicine Resident or early career physician (within 2 years of residency or Fellowship) and in good AAFP membership standing at the time of the application deadline.
- Provide a compelling letter of intent (LOI). This letter may be shared with the sponsoring donor if chosen.
- Provide a copy of their CV (Resume).
- Address what the scholarship would do for their interest in global health and/or the impact on their education.
- Submit a letter of recommendation from their program director stating their support of the trip and the impact the resident will make if chosen.
- Be eligible to present during the AAFP's National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students (July 2025) or other appropriate venue.
- If awarded, residents will be matched under the direct supervision of another family physician member of the Patient Care team.

2. Early career physician applicants must:

- Be within 2 years of residency or Fellowship and in good AAFP membership standing at the time of the application deadline.
- Address in their LOI what the scholarship would do for their personal wellness and for their community.
- Provide a letter of recommendation from a colleague or current employer.
- Provide a copy of your CV (Resume).

3. All Candidates should:

- Demonstrate an interest in international family medicine, international travel and/or involvement in humanitarian initiatives.
- Be able to provide patient care in community clinics.
- Have good communication/writing skills, as demonstrated in his/her cover letter.
- Demonstrate leadership skills.
- Be able to lift heavy objects and be in good physical condition for travel and volunteering during the trip.

4. Selected applicants must write a thank you note post trip to their sponsoring donor.
5. All required documents must be received by the application deadline (August 31, 2024).
 - a. Completed electronic FMCI Scholarship Application.
<https://aafp.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/320/home>
 - b. Letter of Intent as described above.
 - c. Letter of support as described above.
 - d. A copy of your CV (resume).

Be prepared to provide if selected:

- a. A copy of your current medical license
- b. A copy of your medical degree
- c. A copy of your CV (resume)
- d. A copy of your DEA certificate
- e. A color copy of your Photo ID (Driver's License)
- f. A color copy of your Passport (must be dated 6 months past the date of return from deployment)

Selection Process:

The selection process will consist of the following actions:

1. The candidate's materials will be submitted to the FMCI Scholarship review committee for final selection.
2. Each application will be reviewed by a minimum of three reviewers per application.
3. Reviewer will recuse themselves if the resident or early physician is a person they know.
4. Awardee will be notified by September 30, 2024.