

Awards

The Student Academy recognizes students, PAs, and societies for their dedication to the profession and to PA students. Annually, SAAAPA honors individuals and groups in five categories for all of their work throughout the year.

Student Academy Outstanding Student Society Award

This award recognizes two student societies for outstanding service to the profession in the areas of public education, public service, promotion of diversity, and professional involvement.

Entry/Nomination Procedures

Entries may be submitted by a student society officer from an officially registered student society, who must be an AAPA member, to the attention of the Student Academy in care of the AAPA national office. Entries must be received by January 15. An entry must be in scrapbook format or a PowerPoint presentation, documenting the activities of the student society for the past academic year, including

1. The name, address, and phone number of the student society
2. A statement summarizing the society's activities
3. Written materials (brochures or newsletters), photographs, and descriptions of the student society activities demonstrating
 - public service
 - education of the public about the profession
 - activities that promote diversity within the community and the profession
 - participation in professional and leadership activities at local, regional, state, and national levels
4. A one- to two-page statement highlighting the society's activities. This summary may be placed on the SAAAPA Web site along with any PowerPoint presentations.

For more detailed information on how to apply for the award, visit the SAAAPA Web site: <http://saaapa.aapa.org/resources/ossaward.htm>.

Judging Procedures

The Student Board of Directors will evaluate each entry. The decision will be announced at the Student Academy Assembly of Representatives meeting at AAPA's Annual PA Conference.

Awards

Two student societies will be chosen as the award recipients. Each will receive \$500. These awards are supported by the Student Academy. For more information, contact Shannon Faherty, Student Academy staff advisor, 703/836-2272, ext. 3311.

SAAAPA AOR/HOD Travel Grants

Funding is available for recognized AOR/HOD student representatives, in the form of travel grants, to attend AAPA's annual conference. Funding may be used for travel, bdging, and/or

meals, following AAPA travel reimbursement guidelines. The number of travel grants awarded each year will vary based on available funds.

Entry/Nomination Procedures

Any AAPA student member who is a recognized AOR or HOD representative from his or her registered student society may apply. Visit the SAAAPA Web site for an on-line application: <http://saaapa.aapa.org/resources/travelgrants.htm>. Completed applications are due January 15. Incomplete applications will not be reviewed.

Judging Procedures

The SAAAPA Board of Directors determines funding grants and all funding applicants will be notified in writing of the decisions. Funds are based on financial need, current and potential leadership activity, and special needs of the student society.

SAAAPA President's Award

This award honors a PA who has demonstrated exemplary service to PA students and has furthered the leadership, educational, or professional development of PA students.

Entry/nomination procedures

Any physician assistant who has been an AAPA member in good standing for the past three years and does not currently serve as a SAAAPA or AAPA Board of Directors member, AAPA House of Delegates Officer, AAPA standing committee or council chair, or judging committee member may participate in the award competition by self-nomination or nomination by someone else. Following nomination, the national office staff sends application materials, which must be submitted by the January 15 deadline. See the SAAAPA Web site for the application: <http://saaapa.aapa.org/resources/presidents.htm>.

Judging Procedures

The Student Board of Directors will evaluate each entry. The decision will be announced at the Student Academy Assembly of Representatives meeting at AAPA's Annual PA Conference.

Award

The winner is recognized and given a plaque recognizing his/her outstanding dedication to PA students at the Assembly of Representatives meeting at AAPA's annual conference. Transportation, lodging, and per diem expenses associated with attending the ceremony are not reimbursed. Sponsored by the Student Academy of the AAPA. Contact Shannon Faherty, Student Academy staff advisor, 703/836-2272, ext. 3311.

SAAAPA Constituent Organization Award

This award recognizes the individual constituent organizations that take a proactive approach to the students with whom they interact and go above and beyond in their efforts to educate and include them.

Entry/Nomination Procedures

Applications and more information is available on-line from the SAAAPA Web site (<http://saaapa.aapa.org/resources/coawards.htm>), and must be completed by January 15.

Judging Procedures

The Student Board of Directors will evaluate each entry. The decision will be announced at the Student Academy Assembly of Representatives meeting at AAPA's annual conference.

Awards

The winning organization is recognized and given a plaque recognizing its outstanding dedication to PA students at the Assembly of Representatives meeting at AAPA's annual conference. Transportation, lodging, and per diem expenses associated with attending the ceremony are not reimbursed. Sponsored by the Student Academy of the AAPA. For more information, contact Shannon Faherty, Student Academy staff advisor, 703/836-2272, ext. 3311.

PA Students for Healthy People 2010 Award

The SAAAPA 2010 award recognizes a student or student society for its service to the profession in implementing a 'Project in a Box' (PIB) that promotes one of the U.S. Surgeon General's Healthy People 2010 leading health indicators. The indicators for the 2007-2008 year are environmental quality and substance abuse.

Entry/Nomination Procedures

Applicants must be either an AAPA student member at an accredited program or a registered student society with SAAAPA. Applicants must submit this PIB on either of the two current leading health indicators: environmental quality and substance abuse. SAAAPA board members are not eligible to apply. Deadline is April 1. See the SAAAPA Web site for more details and some former submissions: <http://saaapa.aapa.org/resources/2010award.htm>.

What is a PIB?

A PIB is a sustainable project that can be packaged, passed on, and promoted by other PAs, PA students, and student societies. PIBs can even be packaged with instructions on how to run the event, a PowerPoint presentation to help facilitate discussion, and handouts for the event. All these projects need is a local leader or active member to download the project and use it.

How do I submit a PIB?

Write an outline of how the project was developed and implemented. Include a time line, contact numbers, and helpful hints that could help another student society carry out the same project, correcting any snags you ran into at your program. Include (where appropriate) a PowerPoint presentation, handouts, and other things you used when planning your event.

Judging Procedures

The Student Board of Directors will evaluate each entry. The decision will be announced at the Student Academy Assembly of Representatives meeting at AAPA's annual conference.

Awards

The winner will receive \$2010. Half of this amount will be awarded to the student or student society, and the other half given to the charity of the winner's choice. A charity is defined as a not-for-profit entity that has 501-C3 or 501-C6 status. Sponsored by the Student Academy of the AAPA. For more information, contact Shannon Faherty, Student Academy staff advisor, 703/836-2272, ext. 3311.

Physician Assistant Foundation Scholarships

The PA Foundation Scholarship program was established in 1977 to assist PA students with expenses related to their studies.

Entry/Nomination Procedures

Any AAPA student member attending an accredited PA program and in the professional phase of his or her program is eligible to apply for scholarships by January 15 of each year.

Judging Procedures

Applications are available on request from the national office or on-line on the PA Foundation Web page, and must be completed by January 15. Applications received after this date are not considered. The foundation's Scholarship Committee reviews all applications and chooses recipients based on financial need, academic achievement, past employment, and goals as a PA. The recipients are notified and monetary awards are distributed by early May.

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Scholarships are distributed by the PA Foundation. For further information, contact the foundation, 703/519-5686.

PAEA Student Writing Contest

Eligibility and Submission Procedures

All first- and second-year students, as well as recent graduates, are eligible to apply. Papers must be authored by students while enrolled in a PA program, but will be accepted if the entrant has graduated within the year prior to the submission deadline. Papers may be single author or joint projects; if a jointly authored paper is submitted, all authors must meet eligibility requirements. Topics for submission must be germane to the PA profession, but authors may utilize any of a number of formats including, but not limited to, essays on medical, social, political or ethical issues the impact the practice of medicine by PAs; clinical review articles, evidence-based reviews of a clinical question, and reports of original student research projects. Papers may be no longer than 3,500 words (not including title page, abstract, legends, tables, figures, and references). Submissions are accepted only in electronic format and must comply with the guidelines announced in late fall each year at www.paeaonline.org.

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Three prizes are awarded. The first prize winner will be designated the J. Peter Nyquist winner and will be awarded \$500. The second prize will be \$300, and third prize will be \$200. If a prize-winning paper has more than one author, the cash award will be divided equally among the

paper's authors. The *Journal of the American Association of Physician Assistants* (JAAPA) has supported this competition for several years.

