

AACPDM OrthoPediatrics® Travel Scholarship Information

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The OrthoPediatrics® Travel Scholarship is designed to allow eligible AACPDM members to attend the AACPDM Annual Meeting who otherwise would not be able to attend. Scholarships are awarded to: Residents/Fellows in training, physicians in their first year of practice, and allied health professionals (nurses, physical, occupational, speech, and recreational therapists) who are at any point in their career.

Eligibility Requirements

- Applicants must be current members or applicants of the AACPDM. Applicants must be a member, or apply for membership, before being able to access the scholarship application.
- Applicants must not be a current AACPDM Membership Committee member.
- Applicants must be working in the field of treating patients with cerebral palsy and other childhood onset disabilities but need not hold a doctoral level degree.
- Applicants must not have received an OrthoPediatrics® Travel Scholarship in 2015-2019, or 2022-2024. *

*Any scholarships received for the 2020 and 2021 virtual meetings do not count.

If eligible, applicants may also apply for the Student Travel Scholarship and/or the International Travel Scholarship but can only be awarded one scholarship.

Scholarship Content

- Complimentary registration for the Annual Meeting.
- Valuable networking opportunities.
- The opportunity to learn from multi-disciplinary experts in the field of childhood-onset disabilities.
- Expense reimbursement for travel, lodging, and meals. Reimbursement for this scholarship has historically not exceeded \$1,500.

Application Submission Process

Before completing the application, please read the instructions carefully. Do not skip any questions. Inquiries about this application may be addressed to the Academy office



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at info@aacpdm.org. AACPDm must receive the completed application **on or before April 1, 2025**.

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As part of the online application process, applicants are required to provide the following:

- A current CV – *no more than two pages*
- Information about the following areas:
 - Number of years in practice (surgeons, nurses, physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapists) or training dates and type of program (residents/fellows in training).
 - An explanation of your need for a scholarship (including an estimate of the exact financial need).
 - The amount of time spent in clinical, academic and research settings.
 - Your role in treating patients with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities and the ability to implement knowledge obtained into current practice and disseminate it across a wide spectrum of individuals.
- A recommendation survey completed by their program director (residents/fellows in training) or direct supervisor. If the applicant does not have a direct supervisor, the survey may be completed by someone that the applicant would typically use as a reference. The survey link is available in the application and should be sent to the recommender for completion. The applicant is responsible for ensuring that the survey link reaches the recommender and has been completed by the deadline.

Please have any necessary documents ready to upload before you begin your application.

Selection Criteria

Criteria used in selection of recipients include, but are not limited to the following:

- Academic and clinical strengths and interests
- Ability to disseminate and implement knowledge
- Completion of recommendation survey
- Submission/acceptance of abstract
- Past meeting attendance
- Financial need

Please note the above items are NOT listed in order of importance.

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Applications received **on or before April 1, 2025**, will be checked for completeness and to confirm eligibility. The recommendation survey must have been completed by the applicant's program director, supervisor, or other reference as appropriate. All completed applications from eligible applicants will be forwarded to the Membership Committee for review. Applications will be reviewed, discussed and scored by all Membership Committee members. A letter notifying applicants of the Committee's final decision will be sent from the Academy office* by the end of May 2025.

*International applicants only: Please be aware that Visa appointment and processing times may vary by country. AACPDm highly encourages scholarship applicants who do not have a current Visa to schedule their appointment at the time of submission to help ensure their Visa is secured in time to attend the Annual Meeting. AACPDm cannot help expedite appointments and scholarship funds do not transfer to future years if a Visa is not received in time.