



# AACPDM

## AACPDM OrthoPediatrics® Travel Scholarship Information

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The OrthoPediatrics® Travel Scholarships to the AACPDm Annual Meeting are designed to allow six AACPDm fellow and student members to attend our 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. They will need to be a member, or [apply for membership](#), before they are able to access the online form.
- 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 2013 - 2017. Applicants for the Student Travel Scholarship may apply for the OrthoPediatrics® Travel Scholarship, but cannot be awarded both scholarships.
- Scholarship winners must be available to attend the OrthoPediatrics® meet and greet during the annual meeting.

### Scholarship Content

- Complimentary base registration to the annual meeting
- Three complimentary instructional courses
- Valuable networking opportunities
- Opportunity to learn from multi-disciplinary experts in the field of childhood-onset disabilities
- Reimbursement of transportation, lodging and meal expenses up to \$1500 (maximum awarded)

### 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 at [info@aacpdm.org](mailto:info@aacpdm.org). AACPDm must receive the completed application **on or before April 6, 2018**. As part of the online application process, you will be required to upload the following documents. Please have them ready to upload before you begin your application.

- All applicants must submit a request for support letter (not longer than one page) and include the following:
  1. Number of years in practice (nurses, physical, occupational, speech and recreational therapists) or training dates and type of program (residents/fellows in training)
  2. An explanation of their need for a scholarship (including an estimate of their exact financial need)
  3. How they would benefit from receiving a scholarship



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4. Their role in treating patients with cerebral palsy and other childhood-onset disabilities
5. How they plan to disseminate the knowledge acquired at the meeting

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- Residents/Fellows in training will need a letter of recommendation from their educational institution. Physicians in their first year of practice and all allied health professionals will need a letter of recommendation from their supervisor.

### **Selection Criteria**

#### **Applications are reviewed as follows:**

The AACPDm Membership Committee will review the applications and award three scholarships to surgical resident/trainees and three scholarships to non-surgical practitioners, based on the following criteria:

- Preference will be given to scholarship applicants whose abstracts have been accepted
- Applications received by April 6, 2018 will be checked for completeness. All complete applications will be forwarded to the Membership Committee for review
- Applications will be reviewed, discussed and scored by all Membership Committee members, with a final decision made by the end of May
- Letters notifying applicants of the Committee's final decisions will be sent directly from the AACPDm office by May 31, 2018

CONDITIONAL: If applicable, you are asked to include a copy of the abstract(s) that you submitted to the annual meeting with your scholarship application.

#### **Criteria used in selection of applicants include, but are not limited to the following:**

- Academic and clinical strengths and interests
- Ability to implement knowledge obtained into current
- Financial need
- Inclusion of support letter
- Submission/acceptance of abstract