



Funding Options and Instructions for Student Groups (non-FM based)

The [AAFP/AAFP Foundation Family Medicine Student Organization Grant Program](#) has a special grant funding stream that is available to all student group types, not just FMIGs or Student Chapters of the ACOFP. To learn about the types of efforts this grant is looking to support, visit the [grant program homepage](#).

Student groups that should consider applying for this grant include:

- Primary care groups
- AMSA chapters
- Groups focused on an area of medicine that is relevant to family medicine (addiction, global health, rural health, street medicine, etc.)
- Groups focused on meeting population/community needs (LMSA, APAMSA, SNMA, and MSPA chapters, etc.)

More important than the group type is the connection of the funding request to family medicine and promoting family medicine.

SPECIAL GRANT FUNDING DETAILS AND INSTRUCTIONS

Special grant funding level

Student groups are eligible for up to \$500 in special grant funding. The same group may apply for multiple grants if awarded less than the maximum funding for an original proposal. Multiple applications may also be submitted if each proposal is requesting less than the maximum amount (e.g., two applications for \$250 awards).

Application process and timeline: Special grant funding

Special grant funds support a **new or revamped** event, project, or program. The application for special grant funding is [online](#), and you must have an AAFP member ID to apply. [AAFP student membership is free](#). You will be allowed to save your work and return at any point as you fill out the online application.

The AAFP will consider applications in three rounds and release awards in a timely manner after each deadline:

- November 30
- January 31
- March 31

Please note that funds are **not intended to support efforts that have already been completed**.

Funds will be distributed until it runs out. Groups should therefore apply as early as possible. Additional deadline rounds will be cancelled if funds are no longer available.

Application elements

You will need the following information to complete the special grant funding application:

- Medical school name, type, and location
- Student group type
- Group name
- Campus/site type and training years at campus/site
- Group mailing address
- Faculty advisor(s) name, title, email
- Staff support details (presence, and name, title, email)
- Student leadership information (number of positions, transition times)
- Name, year, title, and email contact for each student leader
- Group mission statement
- Whether group applied for core grant funding
- Description of what grant funding would support
- Funding amount requested
- Other funding sources for effort
- Whether or not this is a new effort
- Anticipated timing of effort
- Goals of effort
- Connection of effort to family medicine/how effort would incorporate family medicine
- Description of how funds would be applied
- Collaborators (not required, but highly encouraged)
- How group learned about funding opportunity
- Check payable information (tax ID, address, etc.)

The application system will allow you to save your progress and return later if you wish to preview the application.

Questions can be emailed to studentorgfunding@aafp.org.

Additional application information

Special grant projects must have one or more of the following characteristics:

- Creative
- Innovative
- Collaborative
- Dynamic
- Contributing

Examples of projects that have previously been awarded with the special grant include naloxone training for medical students to address the opioid epidemic, pipeline programs to expose pre-health students to research and shadowing opportunities, event series complementary to pre-clinical curriculum covering topics like activism in family medicine, rural and indigenous health, etc., and so many more.

Non-qualifying projects include fundraisers, regular group meeting needs, annual programming, and projects not tied to family medicine. If you are curious to know if a project would qualify for a special grant, please email us at studentorgfunding@aafp.org.