



2020 CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students

***Program Information and
Application Instructions***

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2020 CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students

The Program

Description

The [CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students](#) will consist of **five** scholarships given to outstanding underrepresented minority students accepted into a PharmD program for the 2020-2021 academic year OR are or were enrolled in their first (P1) year of the professional phase of the PharmD degree program during the 2019-2020 academic year. Underrepresented minority (URM) pharmacy students are identified as black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Selected awardees must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the profession of pharmacy and patient care. Each recipient will receive a **single \$8,000 scholarship**.

Goal of the Program

AACP is committed to fostering an inclusive community and promoting diversity of thought, background, perspective, and experience to advance pharmacy education and improve patient health. Driven by this commitment, we are excited to announce that AACP and CVS Health have partnered to offer a CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students. This scholarship is intended to promote and support a diverse population of student pharmacists who will care for an increasingly diverse population of patients as part of a health care team.

The CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students will support the financial need of underrepresented minority (URM) students who are entering into or recently enrolled in doctor of pharmacy (PharmD) programs at AACP member institutions. The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial barriers and challenges for underrepresented minority (URM) students who are pursuing a PharmD degree.

Eligibility Requirements

Qualified applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Accepted applicants must be accepted into a PharmD program for the 2020-2021 academic year OR are or were enrolled as a first year (P1) PharmD student during the 2019-2020 academic year at an ACPE pre-candidate, candidate, or accredited AACP member institution.
- NOTE: Students who are enrolled in a 0-6 program are eligible for consideration if they meet the following criteria: a P2 (out of P6) student or a P3 (out of P6) student during the 2019-2020 academic year.
- Student must be an underrepresented minority (URM) student. AACP identifies URM individuals in pharmacy as black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Student must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the pharmacy profession and patient care.

- GPA for current degree program must be 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale.
- Student must submit a completed application by the deadline.
- If a scholarship is awarded to an accepted (not yet enrolled) pharmacy student, the award will be granted to the institution after the individual has started classes in the PharmD program. These students will be ineligible to apply for this scholarship again in the future.

Scholarships Requirements

A single scholarship in the amount of \$8000 each will be awarded to **five (5)** outstanding URM students accepted into OR currently enrolled in their first (P1) year of the professional phase of the PharmD program at the time of submission.

AACP will pay the scholarship funds for each awardee directly to the pharmacy college or school where the student has been accepted or is currently enrolled. Funds will be dispersed in fall 2020 after the 2020-2021 academic year begins. Each institution will exclusively apply the scholarship funds to the awardee's tuition and/or fees.

Scholarship Notification

1. Scholarship recipients will be notified by early August, 2020.
2. Funds will be forwarded to the student's institution on or shortly after the start of class for **Fall 2020**.
3. AACP will announce the scholarship recipients on the *AACP and Pharmacy Is Right for Me* websites and social media.

Application Instructions

Application Deadline

Applications are due by July 1, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. HT

Application Basics

Applications will be collected electronically <https://fs16.formsite.com/AACP/CVS2020/index.html>

The application will require the following information to be considered complete. In the application, an asterisks (*) indicates a required response.

Applicant Information

Name, address, email, phone, gender, citizenship status, AACP college or school of pharmacy where you are currently enrolled or will enroll, and current academic status at the time of submission (accepted PharmD applicant or P1 current student pharmacist).

Note: Students who are currently enrolled in a 0-6 program are eligible for consideration during their 2nd year of their pre-professional/undergraduate study and during the first year of the professional phase of PharmD program.

Race/Ethnicity Information

This scholarship is intended to support underrepresented minority (URM) students in pharmacy education, identified as U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander.

Language Fluency

List all languages in which you are conversationally fluent.

Educational and Environmental Disadvantage Status

This information will be used for aggregate reporting purposes only and not considered in the application review process.

GPA Verification

(Document to be uploaded)

To be eligible for consideration, GPA must be 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Enter your GPA for your current degree program and upload an unofficial copy of your most recent transcript. Your GPA and unofficial transcript will only be used to determine eligibility and not otherwise considered in the review process.

Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship. Please email scholarships@aacp.org for additional instructions, if this situation applies to you. . As part of the application, a letter from the school confirming its grading system and the student's good standing in the PharmD program to date will be required.

Applicant Resume

(Document to be uploaded)

Your resume is a very important part of your competitive scholarship application. This will be used to help differentiate your application from others and allow you to showcase your academic and extracurricular involvement. Below are a few requirements and helpful tips for you to use before you upload your resume.

- Limit resume to no more than 2 pages.
- If you use any acronyms, also provide the full name.
- Use headers and/or section titles to organize your resume.
- Briefly describe any leadership roles and/or involvement.
- Include length of time spent in organizations and/or leadership roles.

Applicant Essay

Describe how your life experiences as a minority student influenced in your decision to pursue a pharmacy career. Select one aspect of your background or one characteristic about yourself, and describe how it will contribute to your success in pharmacy and the well-being of future patients.

You are strongly encouraged to compose your essays in a separate word processor, then copy and paste as plain text into the appropriate text box below. Use line breaks (the return key) to separate paragraphs. No other formatting will carry forward. Limit essay to 750 words.

Faculty Letter of Support

Instructions for Applicant:

- If you have applied to pharmacy school and have not yet enrolled in a Pharm.D. program, invite an undergraduate faculty member to submit a letter on your behalf.
- If you are a current P1 student in a Pharm.D. program, invite a pharmacy faculty member to submit a letter on your behalf.
- Once the PDF letter is received from the faculty member, upload it to this form.

Instructions for Faculty:

- Describe the student's attributes and how s/he will contribute to a successful career in pharmacy.

- Describe how well and long you have known the student, and in what capacity.
- Address the letter to "CVS Health Scholarship Reviewers".
- Include your signature at the bottom of the letter.
- Save your letter as a PDF file and send to the student.
- Contact scholarships@aacp.org, if questions.

Uploaded letters must comply with the following formatting requirements: PDF file, Arial font size 11, 1-inch margins, and double-spaced; maximum of 2 pages.

Pharmacist Letter of Support

Instructions for Applicant:

- If you have applied to pharmacy school and have not yet enrolled in a Pharm.D. program, invite an undergraduate faculty member to submit a letter on your behalf.
- If you are a P1 student in a Pharm.D. program, invite a pharmacy faculty member to submit a letter on your behalf.
- Once the PDF letter is received from the faculty member, upload it to this form.

Instructions for Pharmacist:

- Describe the student's attributes and how s/he will contribute to a successful career in pharmacy.
- Describe how well and long you have known the student, and in what capacity.
- Address the letter to "CVS Health Scholarship Reviewers".
- Include your signature at the bottom of the letter.
- Save your letter as a PDF file and send to the student.
- Contact scholarships@aacp.org, if questions.

Uploaded letters must comply with the following formatting requirements: PDF file, Arial font size 11, 1-inch margins, and double-spaced; maximum of 2 pages.

Evaluation of Applications

Evaluation Overview

AACP staff will determine that all applications are complete and eligibility requirements have been met, such as GPA standing and student classification level. Once requirements are verified, the application will be move through the evaluation process. An evaluation scale from zero to five or zero to ten is used for scoring each of the evaluation criterion, respectively.

Evaluation Criteria

AACP and CVS Health will use the following criteria by which all applications will be judged. The evaluation team will look for well thought out, organized, articulate, and complete applications, with evidence that awardees demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the profession and patient care.

Resume (weight factor = 25)

The applicant resume is used to determine the degree to which the student had demonstrated academic involvement and engagement both on and off campus, as well as the leadership ability shown through professional, educational, and extracurricular experiences

- **Academic Engagement and Leadership (10 points possible)**
 - Participation in academic-related activities and clubs (5 points)
 - Leadership roles in academic organizations (5 points)
- **Extracurricular Commitment and Leadership (10 points possible)**

- Participation in extracurricular activities (5 points)
- Leadership role in extracurricular organizations (5 points)
- **Format (5 points possible)**
 - Spelling and grammar, formatting, clear headings and sections (5 points)

Scholarship Essay (weight factor = 35)

- **Essay Content (30 points possible)**
- **Spelling and Grammar (5 points possible)**

Faculty Letter of Support (weight factor=20)

- **Evidence of Student's Attributes**
- **Potential for Student's Success in Pharmacy**

Pharmacist Letter of Support (weight factor=20)

- **Evidence of Student's Attributes**
- **Potential for Student's Success in Pharmacy**