



**OAPA Student Diversity Scholarship 2017
One (1) \$500 Scholarship**

Introduction

Diversity in healthcare is increasingly recognized as an essential component of delivering quality, patient-centered care. The Ohio Association of Physician Assistants strives to promote a culture of inclusiveness in healthcare by recognizing the diverse qualities of medical providers and the individuals for whom they care. The 2017 OAPA Diversity Scholarship recognizes one outstanding Physician Assistant Student in Ohio who has gone above and beyond the call of duty to respect and care for the unique needs of one or more individuals.

Application Guidelines

Applicants must maintain good academic and professional standing in an accredited physician assistant program in the state of Ohio. He or she must be a member of the Ohio Association of Physician Assistants and the American Academy of Physician Assistants for a minimum of 3 months prior to applying.

The ideal candidate will be someone who embodies the principles of diversity by working to sustain a healthcare workforce that provides culturally competent care to all patients no matter their race, socioeconomic status, marital status, physical and mental ability, gender, gender identity, age, sexual orientation, religion, or native language.

Possible areas of focus may include: community health, health care disparities, health literacy, and service to under-served communities.

Emphasis should be given to experiences and positions which have affected change in your community or in the healthcare setting. Students may also submit abstracts of independent medical research that examines under-represented populations, explores alternative medicine, or addresses an emerging area of medical need.

The recipient of the award will be announced at the 2017 OAPA Annual Conference on October 14, 2017.

Applications should be submitted to oapa@ohiopa.com no later than Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

Completed applications include:

- Completed application form**
- Two-question essay response**
- One Letter of Recommendation from an academic advisor or professional reference**
- Any additional documentation to support the application**



OAPA 2017 Diversity Scholarship Application

Name

Email

Phone

Address

School

____/____/____
Anticipated date of Graduation

GPA

Credentials

Please list any certifications, licenses or titles you hold.

Training

Please provide a list of any formal training/ classes you have completed addressing diversity topics or cultural competency along with a brief description of coursework completed.

Additional Qualifications
Awards, scholarships, other.

In 200 words or less, please answer each of the following questions thoughtfully and directly.

1. What gives meaning to the term 'diversity' in your life? What is the value of diversity in your experiences?

2. As a newly practicing Physician Assistant, how will you be a champion for diversity in your practice?

*****By applying, applicants agree to allow the OAPA use of their responses in future materials and publications.***