



October 28, 2020

Dear High School Counselor(s):

The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Foundation Board of Trustees established the *David G. Hall, M. D. Memorial Scholarship* to award scholarships to seniors in schools across Mississippi who are interested in pursuing a career in the field of medicine. Our foundation will donate up to \$1,000 for scholarships to Mississippi seniors during the 2020-21 school year.

For Contest Rules, Judging Criteria and Application, go to www.msafp.org/scholarship. After reviewing this information, please follow the steps below:

- Each student that meets the criteria should submit an application, along with his/her 500-word essay titled, "The Family Physician: Providing Your Medical Home". The essay should *"Describe the impact of a Family Physician in your life or the life of your family and/or the role of the Family Physician in your community. In what ways do Family Physicians strengthen the various aspects of the community?"*
- **The essay should be grammatically correct and accurate in terms of spelling and word usage.**
- If a specific physician is mentioned in the essay, the physician **MUST** be a Family Medicine physician. Please encourage your students to research the physician to determine if he/she is indeed a Family Physician. Essays written about any other medical specialty will be **disqualified**.
- All applications must include a list of accomplishments, application, essay **AND a high school transcript**.
- Applications must be postmarked on or before **Friday, February 26, 2021** to be considered for the scholarship.

Scholarship winners will be announced by May 1, 2021. Thank you for your assistance as we continue to promote family medicine among Mississippi's high school seniors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Beth Embry". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Beth Embry
Foundation Director

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The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Foundation
2021 David G. Hall, M.D. Memorial Scholarship

“The Family Physician: Providing Your Medical Home”

500-word essay entry for high school seniors

Theme: *Describe the impact of a Family Physician in your life or the life of your family and/or the role of the Family Physician in your community. In what ways do Family Physicians strengthen the various aspects of the community?*

Official Contest Rules

1. **How to Enter:**

Submit your essay, completed application, list of accomplishments and official transcript to:

MAFP Foundation
755 Avignon Drive
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Your application must be postmarked no later than **Friday, February 26, 2021**. Applications will **NOT** be accepted via email. Use blue or black ink when filling out the application.

2. **Your Essay:** Your essay should be no longer than 500 words, typed and double spaced. Please do not put your name on the essay.
3. **Eligibility:** The Essay Contest is open to all Mississippi seniors who have an aptitude in the sciences and an interest in pursuing a career in the field of medicine.
4. **To Avoid Disqualification:** If you write about a particular physician, please ensure that your essay is written about a family physician - NOT a pediatrician, internist, nurse practitioner, dentist, etc. **What is a Family Physician?** Family medicine is a medical specialty devoted to comprehensive health care for people of all ages; the specialist is named a family physician, family doctor, or family practitioner. **To determine if a physician is a family physician, search for him/her on the internet and review his/her qualifications and certifications.** Your essay should not be longer than 500 words and should be grammatically correct.
5. **Prizes:** The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Foundation will donate up to \$1,000 of scholarship monies to Mississippi seniors this school year.
6. **Selection:** Scholarship recipients will be announced by Wednesday, May 1, 2021. School counselors will also be notified.
7. **Questions:** Contact Kristen Kern at 601-853-3302 or kristen@msafp.org

Judging Criteria

Theme: Understanding of the Issue: (0 to 30 points)

An outstanding essay will demonstrate that the student understands and has conducted research on the topic. Was the topic addressed as outlined in the explanation? Was the theme carried throughout the essay?

Content: Originality in Approach and Treatment of the Topic: (0 to 30 points)

Essays should display students' abilities to thoughtfully argue their points and develop their own ideas. Does the essay show learning on the part of the student? Does the information presented suit the title?

Quality of Writing: (0 to 30 points)

Essays should be grammatically correct and accurate in terms of spelling and word usage. Essay should present information in a clear and logical manner. Does the essay show originality of thought and/or presentation?

Adherence to Format and Length Rules: (0-10 points)

Essays must be approximately 500 words, typed and double spaced.

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601-853-3302 (Office) 601-853-3002 (Fax)

David G. Hall, MD Memorial Scholarship

“The Family Physician: Providing Your Medical Home” 500-word essay entry for high school seniors

“Describe the impact of a Family Physician in your life or the life of your family and/or the role of the Family Physician in your community. In what ways do Family Physicians strengthen the various aspects of the community?”

Student’s Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Rank in Senior Class: _____ of _____ GPA _____ ACT _____ SAT _____

Student’s Home Phone: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Email: _____

College/University You Plan to Attend: _____

Anticipated College Major: _____

School Name: _____

School Counselor or Contact Person: _____

School Contact’s Email _____

School Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

County: _____ School Phone No.: _____

Local Newspaper: _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email address _____ Phone # _____

**** Please make sure you include a copy of your transcript. Your application will not be complete until the transcript is received.***

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