

The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Foundation
2017 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:** Please submit your essay with the completed application to:

MAFP Foundation
755 Avignon Drive
Ridgeland, MS 39157

Your application must be postmarked no later than **Friday, February 24th, 2017**. You must also have your school counselor send a copy of your official school transcript.

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. **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 formerly 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.**
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. **Prizes:** The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Foundation will donate up to \$3,500 of scholarship monies to Mississippi seniors this school year. The number of awards depends on the quality of the essays received.
5. **Selection:** Scholarship recipients will be announced by Friday, April 28, 2017, by mail. School counselors will also be notified by mail and email.
6. **Questions:** Contact Kay-Lynn Meador at 601-853-3302 or kaylynn@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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Student’s Name: _____

Home Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

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

Student’s Home Phone: _____ Male _____ Female _____

Email: _____

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 # _____

**** Attach a list of accomplishments and the 500-word essay, along with this application form. Also, PLEASE MAKE SURE your school counselor sends a copy of your transcript. Your application will NOT BE COMPLETE until the transcript is received.***