

The Mississippi Academy of Family Physicians Foundation
2025 David G. Hall, MD, 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 28, 2025**. 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 primary care.
- 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 May 1. School counselors will also be notified.
- 7. Questions:** Contact MAFP 601-853-3302 or beth@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: _____

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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