

February 2025 – MAFP News & Events

Advocacy Day

You have had a significant impact on legislation over the past several years, and we need you to continue to be the voice of Missouri Family Physicians by participating in Advocacy Day on **February 24-25, 2025**. This event will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott in Jefferson City.

Monday, February 24

10:00 am – 4:00 pm – Introduction to Advocacy for New Advocates, Including Students and Residents

7:00 – 8:30 p.m. – Virtual Legislative Briefing (open to all members, registration required)

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 – 9:00 am – Buffet Breakfast and Advocacy Briefing

9:00 am – 1:00 pm – Legislative Visits

11:00 am – 1:00 pm – Lunch

1:00 – 3:30 pm – MAFP Board of Directors Meeting

The full schedule and registration is available on our website: <https://www.mo-afp.org/advocacy/advocacy-day/>

Midwest Obesity Symposium

The MAFP Education Commission is excited to announce the Midwest Obesity Symposium, September 12-13, 2025, at the Hermannhof Festhalle in Hermann, Missouri. Nestled on the Missouri River, surrounded by vineyards, and with convenient access to the Katy Trail, this obesity medicine focused conference will balance education with relaxation.

Unlike most conferences you may have attended, this meeting does not have a hotel or room block attached as Hermann is known for their quaint lodging choices. Attendees will be responsible for booking their own lodging. The conference is anticipated to start with lunch on Friday and conclude on Saturday afternoon. Watch for more details, including a full schedule soon.

Annual Fall Conference Call for Presentations

The 33rd Annual Fall Conference will be held November 6-8, 2025, at InterContinental Kansas City at the Plaza. We are currently accepting Calls for Presentations. Proposals are due by May 31, 2025, with selection notification by July 1, 2025.

Members interested in presenting CME are encouraged to submit their Calls for Presentations at www.mo-afp.org/cme-events/call-for-presentations/. All submissions are peer-reviewed, and presenters are encouraged to consider innovative teaching methods for conference attendees, including, but not limited to, procedures workshops, interactive learner participation, case studies, and more.

Please contact the MAFP Office at (573) 635-0830 or office@mo-afp.org with questions.

Magazine Update

The Quarterly MAFP Magazine, *Missouri Family Physician*, has changed. For the past several years, the magazine has featured a different focused clinical topic each quarter. Going forward, the magazine will contain a variety of clinical articles to better represent a day as a family physician, MAFP/AAFP updates, member news and more.

Previous issues of the magazine and a link to submit articles for consideration can be found at www.mo-afp.org/communications/magazine/. Members are encouraged to submit clinical articles for peer review. Residents and students are encouraged to submit scholarly articles with attending involvement.

We all love to celebrate each other's accomplishments! Please forward news of awards, accolades, and anything worth celebrating to be included in Members in the News. Please contact the MAFP Office at marketing@mo-afp.org with any questions.

Changes to Family Medicine Leads Scholarship Program

The AAFP Foundation Family Medicine Leads program provides scholarships to assist students and residents with out-of-pocket expenses related to attending FUTURE (formerly National Conference).

There are adjustments to the Family Medicine Leads Scholarship application process for 2025:

- There will be a **cap of 700** Family Medicine Leads Scholarship applications accepted.
- **Applications will open mid-February**, not January as in previous years. The AAFP will send communications and update its website to reflect this change. **Applications will still close May 1**, and recipients will be notified in early June. A list of scholarship recipients will not be provided to chapters before applicants are notified.
- The application will now **require each applicant to submit a verification letter** from their institution to validate their graduation date/year in training. Applicants must obtain the signed verification before submitting their application. Details of what the letter must include will be available on the application website.

If you have questions about FUTURE or Family Medicine Leads scholarships, please contact [Matt Duncan](#).

Applications Open for Nomination to 2025 AAFP Board of Directors Ballot

The AAFP Nominating Committee is inviting applications for nomination to the AAFP Board of Directors. Applications may be submitted by potential nominees themselves, as well as by groups such as chapters, member constituencies, and member interest groups who would like to put forth a potential nominee.

Applications are due February 15, 2025.

Below are two useful resources for those interested in learning more about AAFP governance, the nominating process, and how to get involved.

- [Details on the nomination process and a link to the application.](#)
- [Interview with Nominating Committee Chair and past President Reid Blackwelder, M.D., FAAFP](#), about what worked well during the Nominating Committee's first year and what changes are in store for 2025.

Important AAFP Dates

February 15, 2025	AAFP BOD Nomination Application Deadline
February 19-22, 2025	Family Medicine Board Review Express
March 1, 2025	Family Medicine Leads ELI Application Deadline
March 25-27, 2025	Residency Leadership Summit
April 1, 2025	FUTURE 2025 Poster Submission Deadline
June 22-24, 2025	Family Medicine Advocacy Summit

Sandra L. Panther Fellowship

The Center for the History of Family Medicine (CHFM) proudly announces its annual Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine.

Named in honor of former AAFP Foundation Executive Director Sandra L. "Sandy" Panther, the Sandra L. Panther Fellowship in the History of Family Medicine encourages interested family physicians, residents, students, other health professionals, historians, scholars, educators, scientists and others to apply.

The Sandra L. Panther Fellowship provides a \$3,000 award distributed to the fellow upon completion of their research at the Center for the History of Family Medicine. The project should involve an aspect of the history of General Practice, Family Practice or Family Medicine in the United States. The fellowship will be awarded directly to the individual applicant and not to the institution where he or she may be employed.

The application deadline is 5 p.m. CT, Monday, March 31, 2025. All applications will be reviewed in April, with the fellowship award announced by May 31, 2025.

Complete fellowship rules, application forms and instructions are available online through the [Center's website](#).

For more information, please contact [Kelly Heide](#) at the Center for the History of Family Medicine.

Student Webinar: Is Family Medicine Right for Me?

Feb. 27, 2025 | 6 p.m. CT | Online

The AAFP is hosting a webinar for students to help them learn more about what it means to be a family physician.

In this webinar—Vibe Check #2: Is Family Medicine Right for Me?—a panel of family physicians will share their personal stories about what led them to the specialty and influenced the way they practice family medicine.

Chapters are encouraged to invite students to attend the webinar by [registering online](#). Chapters can also invite students to watch a replay of the first Vibe Check webinar, [Career Options in Family Medicine](#), on the Academy's website. That webinar also featured a dynamic panel of family medicine physicians showcasing their diverse career paths and offering inspiration and advice for future physicians.

Free CME for MAFP Members

Missouri Academy of Family Physicians, in partnership with the New Jersey Academy of Family Physicians, is offering a FREE enduring CME program, *The First Line of Defense: Primary Care Clinicians and Early Detection of Pancreatic Cancer*.

Please visit the program website to leverage the free educational materials and claim CME credit: <https://njafp.org/pancreatic-cancer>.