

March 2025 – MAFP News & Events

MAFP Announces Midwest Obesity Symposium

The Missouri Academy of Family Physicians 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. Registration cost for AAFP Members is \$225 and \$300 for Non-AAFP members.

Additional details, including the conference schedule, will be shared as they become available.

[More Information and Registration](#)

Externship Applications Open!

Medical students in Missouri looking to pursue a career in Family Medicine are encouraged to apply for our summer externship program. **Applications are due by March 31, 2025.**

This program is co-sponsored by the American Academy of Family Physicians Foundation and the Family Health Foundation of Missouri.

Selected participants will receive a \$1,000 stipend for housing and travel-related expenses.

Every attempt will be made to accommodate the preferred externship site of the recipient.

Learn more about each externship location and read testimonials from past participants on our website: www.mo-afp.org/join/residents-students/externships.

Please note that the number of externships available is limited, and the selection process is competitive. Contact bplank@mo-afp.org if you have any questions.

AAFP Launches New FMIG Registration Process

A new, streamlined FMIG registration process has been established as AAFP celebrates 30 years of FMIGs. The new registration process provides FMIGs better access to the AAFP and AAFP resources through programming resources and awards by allowing them to register and apply for funding at the same time.

Here are a few benefits of the new registration process:

- FMIGs registered by March 31, 2025, will receive \$600 in funding and recruitment materials in time for summer 2025.
- FMIG registration includes providing information on FMIG leadership, faculty and staff as well as designating a contact to receive recruitment materials, if applicable.
- During registration, FMIGs have the opportunity to share feedback and apply for [FMSO Grant Core Funding](#) at the same time.

[Click here](#) to learn more about FMIGs, including the new registration process.

Applications Close Soon for Several Major AAFP Awards

Application deadlines are coming March 1, March 7 and March 15 for various AAFP awards that recognize outstanding contributions in areas including public health, lifetime specialty contributions, humanitarian work, exemplary teaching, executive work and career contributions to education.

Due March 1

- [AAFP Public Health Award](#)
- [John G. Walsh Award for Lifetime Contributions to Family Medicine](#)
- [Humanitarian Award](#)
- [Exemplary Teaching Award for Continuing Professional Development](#)

Postmarked by March 7

- [Robert Graham Family Physician Executive Award](#)

Due March 15

- [Thomas W. Johnson Award for Career Contributions to Family Medicine Education](#)
- [Exemplary Teaching Awards for Medical Education](#)

Visit the [AAFP Awards & Leadership Opportunities](#) page for information on all awards available through the AAFP.

Connect With Your Peers at the Residency Leadership Summit in 2025

Welcome to your hub for all things Residency Leadership Summit. RLS is the **only national event for both MDs and DOs** that focuses solely on the needs of family medicine residency programs. RLS is also *the* place to prepare for the implementation of ACGME requirements, learn best practices, share with peers, and improve the overall quality of your program. So, don't miss your opportunity to learn from and connect with family medicine residency programs from across the nation at this event. No matter your residency program role—director, faculty, or administrator—you can find information exclusively for family medicine residencies that supports both program and staff development.

[Learn More](#)

2025 FUTURE Poster Submission

Each year the FUTURE (formerly National Conference) poster competition gives attendees a venue to share innovative and effective educational programs and showcase unique community projects. This opportunity stimulates research among medical students and residents and encourages networking with those who share similar interests. In 2025, 50 entries will be selected for display. Of those, the top 12 Research poster authors will be invited to give a brief oral presentation onsite for peer review.

[Learn More](#)

Applications Now Open: Family Medicine Leads FUTURE Scholarships

Application Deadlines: March 1, 2025 and May 1, 2025

The AAFP Foundation Family Medicine Leads program provides 250 scholarships to assist students and residents with out-of-pocket expenses related to attending FUTURE, formerly National Conference, and other leadership development programs.

Please use the information below to promote these opportunities.

FUTURE, formerly National Conference, will take place July 31–August 2, 2025 in Kansas City, MO. Past attendees consistently rate it an invaluable opportunity because of the practical sessions, networking opportunities and chances to learn more about family medicine.

The AAFP Foundation offers two awards to help students and residents attend FUTURE and improve their leadership skills.

- [Family Medicine Leads Emerging Leader Institute](#) is a yearlong leadership development program that starts immediately after FUTURE. This highly competitive program accepts 30 scholars who each receive a \$1,000 award to help with travel and lodging expenses. **The application deadline is March 1, 11:59 p.m. CT.**
- [Family Medicine Leads Scholarships](#) provide 250 awards valued at \$600 each. This financial assistance helps offset the cost of attending FUTURE, including registration, travel, lodging and meals. **The application deadline is 11:59 p.m. CT on May 1.** Please note these changes to the application process:
 - There will be **a cap of 700** scholarship applications accepted.
 - Before applying, **you must obtain a signed verification letter** from your institution to validate your graduation date/year in training and submit it with your application. Find details on the application website.

Attendees are encouraged to apply for both opportunities, but a Family Medicine Leads Scholarship application will be considered only if the applicant is not selected for the Emerging Leader Institute.

The AAFP Foundation is interested in recruiting a diverse group of scholarship applicants, including students and residents from racial and ethnic groups underrepresented in medicine, rural communities and lower socioeconomic backgrounds, as well as those interested in caring for underserved populations.

If you have specific questions about FUTURE or Family Medicine Leads Scholarships or the Emerging Leader Institute, contact Matt Duncan by [email](#) or at (800) 274-2237, ext. 6032.

[Learn More](#)

AAFP Physician Health and Well Being Conference

The Westin Hilton Head Island Resort & Spa

Hilton Head Island, SC

Monday, March 24—Wednesday, March 26, 2025

Balance. Harmony. Joy in practice.

Reclaim them for yourself at the only national event focused solely on the well-being of family physicians.

Because your wellness matters, too.

Give yourself three days in a rejuvenating space to build connections and explore evidence-based strategies to balance the many demands of your life.

- Inspirational Main Stage presentations
- Coaching sessions
- Wellness workshops
- 1:1 consultations with career experts
- Relaxation activities

[Learn More](#)

AAFP Family Medicine Advocacy Summit

You know better than anyone what needs to change in health care. It's time to share your experience with policymakers—no matter where you're at in your family medicine career. At the Family Medicine Advocacy Summit, you'll have the opportunity to make your voice heard. It's a crucial step in bringing about change in issues you've encountered along your journey. During this conference, you'll:

- Enhance your advocacy skills through workshops
- Hear from policy experts on the status of key bills
- Visit with members of Congress and their staff in their office on Capitol Hill
- Share your story with legislators

Don't miss this opportunity to make an impact.

[Learn More](#)

AAFP DPC Summit – July 24-27

Registration Opens March 11, 2025

DPC Summit brings the DPC movement together. Join your peers for hands-on workshops, comprehensive sessions, and time with expert faculty and vendors that will elevate your: Professional Satisfaction, Patient Care, Business Expertise, Passion for Family Medicine

[Learn More](#)