



Hillsborough County Medical Association
Cherry Bekaert
2019 Scholarship
Matched by
Hillsborough County Medical Association Foundation

TO: Applicants for the 2019 Hillsborough County Medical Association/Cherry Bekaert Scholarship

FROM: Thomas Bernasek, M.D., President, Hillsborough County Medical Association

Background

The 2019 Hillsborough County Medical Association/Cherry Bekaert Scholarship is targeted to medical students who demonstrate a commitment to organized medicine and public health initiatives, and is based on financial need and academic achievement. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a successful candidate from the University of South Florida (USF) Morsani College of Medicine.

This scholarship was established in 1979 in the memory of Rex Meighen of Rex Meighen & Company. When Cherry, Bekaert & Holland acquired Rex Meighen & Company in January 2005, the scholarship continued. A deserving USF medical student has received this annual scholarship for 40 years.

In addition, the HCMA Foundation Board has agreed to match the 2019 scholarship. Two checks, totaling \$3,000, will be presented to either one or two scholarship recipient/s at the February 12, 2019 Membership Dinner to be held at The Westshore Grand in Tampa, FL 33609.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be a second, third, or fourth year medical student.
- Applicant must be a United States Citizen.
- Applicant must have been a member of the Florida Medical Association and the Hillsborough County Medical Association for a minimum of one year and agree to maintain those memberships through the duration of enrollment in the USF Morsani College of Medicine.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled full time at the USF Morsani College of Medicine.
- Applicant must submit a recommendation from the Dean (or Dean's representative) of the USF Morsani College of Medicine.
- Applicant must submit an official copy of his/her most current transcript.
- Applicant must demonstrate personal motivation for excellence in academic achievement, and personal integrity and character, as exemplified by leadership, community involvement, public health initiatives and concern for others.

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- Attendance at the Annual or Interim Meeting(s) of the American Medical Association or Annual Meeting of the Florida Medical Association will be a strong consideration.

Recipient/s must attend the February 12, 2019, Hillsborough County Medical Association Membership Dinner Meeting, at The Westshore Grand, to accept the scholarship.

Application Process

Please complete the application and submit, along with any relevant information (see checklist below), **no later than January 25, 2019** to:

Debbie Zorian, Executive Director
HCMA
606 South Boulevard
Tampa, FL 33606

Deadline extensions will not be granted.

Questions: Call Debbie Zorian at 813.253.0471 or dzorian@hcma.net

Application Checklist

- ___ 1. Completed and signed application form
- ___ 2. Official copy current transcript
- ___ 3. Verification of FMA membership
- ___ 4. Recommendation letter from the Dean or Dean's representative