Be Worthy to
Serve the Suffering

Thirteen National Programs

Medical students, faculty, and active AΩA members are eligible to participate in the Society’s 13 fellowships, grants, and awards that are funded through member annual dues and lifetime dues.

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Award for Excellence in Inclusion, Diversity and Equity in Medical Education and Patient Care: Up to three awards presented annually in recognition of medical schools (and their associated AΩA Chapter) that demonstrate exemplary leadership, innovation, and engagement in fostering an inclusive culture that transforms the ideals of inclusion, diversity, and equity into successful programs that support medical student, house staff, and faculty diversity in service to the community.

Carolyn L. Kuckein Student Research Fellowship: More than 50 Fellowships of $6,000 each awarded every year to medical students.

Medical Student Service Leadership Project Grant: $9,000 over three years to support service leadership projects that benefit the medical school and/or its local community.

Visiting Professorship: Each of the 135 Chapters may host one visiting professor annually with an honorarium and all travel expenses paid by AΩA.

Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society Professionalism Award: One $10,000 award per year for institutional programs that represent best practices in medical professionalism.

Fellow in Leadership: Three $30,000 awards annually to mid-career physicians to support leadership development.

Robert J. Glaser Distinguished Teacher Award: Annually, four Distinguished Teachers receive $10,000, their medical school receives $2,500, and their Chapter receives $1,000. Awards are presented in partnership with the Association of American Medical Colleges.

Postdoctoral Fellowship: Up to 10 awards of $2,000 presented annually to support residents and fellows with a research project.

Helen H. Glaser Student Essay Award: Monetary prizes awarded annually in The Pharos for three medical student essays about medicine or health.

The Pharos Poetry Award: Monetary prizes awarded annually in The Pharos for three medical student poems about medicine or health.

Robert H. Moser Essay Award: A $4,500 writing prize awarded annually for an essay, written by a physician, that celebrates the life of a physician.

Volunteer Clinical Faculty Award: Recognition of clinical faculty in community practices who teach medical students and residents.

Administrative Recognition Award: Recognition of a Chapter administrative assistants’ invaluable work by presenting a $500 cash award.

It’s All About the Facts

Ω 135 Chapters in medical schools across the country
Ω More than 125,000 living members
Ω More than 200,000 physicians elected to membership since 1902
Ω More than 4,000 new members annually
• 85% elected as students
• 7% elected as residents
• 6% elected as faculty
• 2% elected as alumni
Ω 59 AΩA members are Nobel prize winners
Ω 13 United States Surgeons are AΩA members
Ω 75% of U.S. Medical School Deans are AΩA members
Ω $2 million presented annually to medical students, residents, faculty, and mid-career physicians for fellowships, grants, and awards

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Founded in 1902 by William Root and a group of medical students at the College of Physicians and Surgeons in Chicago, Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society (AΩA) preserves the highest ideals in the profession of medicine through a commitment to achievement, leadership, professionalism, teaching, service, and scholarship.

Members epitomize the characteristics of honesty, leadership, morality, virtue, altruism, ethics, trustworthiness, caring, compassion, and dedication to serving others. They are passionate in their commitment to the advancement of the medical profession and the care of patients.

All medical students on entry to medical school, residents, fellows, and all physicians throughout their career are eligible for AΩA.

Membership in AΩA may be attained as a medical student, resident, fellow, faculty member, alumni, clinician, or distinguished leader in medicine. The criteria for nomination is based on excellent physicianship and includes, but is not limited to, trustworthiness, character, caring, knowledge, scholarship, leadership, compassion, empathy, altruism, and servant leadership.

AΩA advocates for diversity in all its forms when identifying candidates for nomination—identity, cultural, geographic, experiential, race, ethnicity, gender, age, economic and social status, physical abilities, aptitude, religious beliefs, political beliefs, and other ideologies. No candidate shall be denied election because of age, race, color, ethnicity, national origin, sex, pregnancy status, gender, identity or expression, sexual orientation, language, physical or mental disability, marital, civil union or domestic partnership status, veteran status, socioeconomic status, religious or political beliefs, or any other characteristic protected by the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action laws of a state, province, territory, or nation.

AΩA is committed to working with its members, Chapters, medical schools, residency programs, and health organizations to improve diversity within the organization and throughout the medical profession.