



Keystone Scholars Grant Program

Supporting Medical Student Participation in the Keystone Psychiatric Forum

PURPOSE: The Keystone Scholars Program is as an initiative of the Pennsylvania Psychiatric Society (PaPS) to support medical students interested in psychiatry who wish to attend the Keystone Psychiatric Forum (KPF) but for whom the cost of overnight accommodations may present a barrier to participation.

The program would provide a limited number of medical students with financial assistance toward hotel accommodations during the Forum. By reducing this financial barrier, PaPS can broaden student participation in KPF while introducing future physicians to organized psychiatry, professional networking, mentorship, advocacy, and psychiatric education early in their careers.

PaPS would establish the Keystone Scholars Program and offer a predetermined number of awards annually to medical students attending accredited medical schools in Pennsylvania.

Keystone Scholar Recipient would receive:

- Complimentary or subsidized hotel accommodations for the nights necessary to attend KPF, up to a predetermined maximum amount. Recipient is responsible to reserve overnight accommodations at conference venue using the PaPS Conference Room Block.
- Recognition as a Keystone Scholar in appropriate KPF materials.
- Opportunities to participate fully in KPF educational and networking activities.

Eligibility: To be considered for a Keystone Scholar Grant, applicants should

- Be currently enrolled in an accredited medical school in Pennsylvania;
- Have an interest in psychiatry;
- Plan to attend the Keystone Psychiatric Forum for the duration of the meeting; and
- Demonstrate that lodging assistance would meaningfully facilitate their ability to attend.

Application Process:

- Provide basic information including medical school, year of training, and contact information
- Submit a short response (150-250 words) addressing
 - Briefly describe your interest in attending the Keystone Psychiatric Forum and how receiving support through the Keystone Scholars Grant Program would help make your participation possible.
 - Briefly describe what you hope to gain from attending the Forum.

Award Process: If applications exceed available funding, recipients could be selected by the KPF Planning Committee using several considerations:

- Financial need or the degree to which lodging costs represent a barrier to attendance;
- Interest in psychiatry and/or mental health;
 - Potential benefit to the Society from the student's participation in KPF; and
 - Geographic considerations, particularly for students who must travel a substantial distance to attend.

Scholar Expectations: Keystone Scholar Grant Recipients would be expected to:

- Attend the Keystone Psychiatric Forum;
- Participate in educational sessions and networking opportunities;
- Attend any designated medical student or trainee event, if offered;
- Assist with Keystone Psychiatric Forum conference tasks as requested; and
- Complete a brief post-Forum reflection or feedback survey.
 - A brief response (<400 words) describing what the student learned, a meaningful professional connection they made, or how the experience affected their understanding of psychiatry.

APPLICATION:

Email completed application to papsych@papsych.org by September 4, 2026

Name	
Address	
City, State, Zip	
Mobile Phone	
Email	
Medical School	
Training Year	
Briefly Describe Your Interest in Attending the KPF?	
How Will Grant Support Assist in Your Attendance?	
What Do You Expect to Gain by Attending the KPF?	