

# APMSA

The American Podiatric Medical Students' Association (APMSA) is the official national organization representing over 1,700 students enrolled at the eight colleges of podiatric medicine. By virtue of their enrollment at a college of podiatric medicine, all students are members of the Association. APMSA functions to provide a forum to discuss problems, to further the profession of podiatry on a national level, and to establish the means for obtaining desired goals.

Founded at a conference in Chicago in 1954, the structure of the APMSA allows for equal representation from each of the colleges of podiatric medicine. Each class elects an APMSA representative and an alternate. In addition, each college sends their student body president to the APMSA bi-annual meetings. These students make up the APMSA House of Delegates, with junior and senior representatives forming the Board of Trustees.

APMSA, in order to best serve its members in the profession, has many goals, one of which is to strengthen and maintain its ties with its parent association, the American Podiatric Medical Association (APMA). APMSA strives to gain a more active fellowship between the student and practitioner, both locally and nationally. APMSA hopes to accomplish this task by a greater participation and utilization of its members in state and national programs of the APMA. APMSA has full voting (one vote) status in the APMA House of Delegates.

In an effort to remain abreast of current policies and to have a collective voice in an ever-growing and changing profession, the APMSA maintains liaisons with a number of other associations and councils affiliated with podiatric medicine. For example, APMSA maintains voting membership on one committee of the Council of Podiatric Medical Education and on the Council of Teaching Hospitals. The APMSA also maintains a liaison with the American Association of Colleges of Podiatric Medicine (AACCPM) which provides a forum for the presidents, deans, and student affairs officers from each of the colleges to meet annually to discuss new approaches and programs for podiatric education, as well as financial and legislative changes affecting our colleges. The APMSA liaison to the AACPM represents student viewpoints and concerns as they affect any new developments or changes occurring at the colleges.

Today's podiatric medical student represents a new breed of professional, committed to his/her role and involvement in total health care delivery. For this reason, APMSA maintains liaisons with students of allopathic medicine, osteopathic medicine, dentistry, optometry, pharmacy, and nursing. APMSA delegates are also present at most meetings of the American Medical Student Association (AMSA) where they represent podiatric medicine for the entire profession by enhancing the understanding and importance of podiatric medicine by other health professionals.

## APMSA Member Benefits

As an APMSA member you are eligible to receive all of the benefits associated with the APMSA. Here's just a sampling of the benefits APMSA membership provides:

- *Journal of the American Podiatric Medical Association* (JAPMA) (6 times a year — \$145 annual subscription value)
  - *APMA News* (10 times a year — \$65 annual subscription value)
  - Local and national student representation to the APMSA
  - APMSA *First Step* newsletter — (3 times a year — \$30 subscription value)
  - Professional purchase programs
  - Periodic in-kind gifts from the APMSA and APMSA CAB\*
  - Free registration to APMA Scientific Meeting (estimated value \$69)
  - APMSA Graduation Handbook
  - APMSA Residency Survey
  - Discounts from corporate sponsors
  - Representation to respective affiliated and related organizations
  - Research grants
  - Education and service grants
  - APMA Educational Foundation Scholarships (3rd and 4th year students)
  - APMSA Basketball Tournament
  - APMA *Daily e-News* (email address required for subscription)
  - Discounted subscription to on-line educational material
  - Legislative representation and advocacy
  - APMSA website: [www.apmsa.org](http://www.apmsa.org)
  - APMA website: [www.apma.org](http://www.apma.org)
  - E-advocacy website: [www.apma.org/e-advocacy](http://www.apma.org/e-advocacy)
- \* CAB is the Corporate Advisory Board, a group of companies who support students as the future of podiatric medicine.
- As an APMSA member you are also entitled to benefits from the **APMA Young Members' Program** including but not limited to:
- *Young Members' Exchange* newsletter
  - Surviving the Residency and Clerkship Process CD
  - Geographical Opportunity Area Study

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As of August 30, 2006

In 2004, the APMSA celebrated its rich 50-year history of service and progress with anniversary promotions including a commemorative book on the history of the APMSA complete with photographs and memorabilia for the profession. In celebrating the Association's history, the APMSA gratefully acknowledged its student leaders of today and of the past.

The APMSA understands that today's students are tomorrow's leaders. Join us as we continue to shape and advance the podiatric medical profession for the next 50 years.

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