

ADVOCACY IN ACTION

The section is concerned with many things ranging from child and family well-being to resident and fellowship education and work force issues. Here are some examples of resolutions that have come from our section in the last few years:

- Resident work hours and their effect on residents' health, emotional well-being, education and patient safety.
- The increasing shortage of subspecialists in pediatrics
- The increasing loan burdens facing medical students and residents today
- The effect of the nursing shortage on residency training

Taking these issues to the Hill.....

Members of the AAP can help make the changes that affect our patients' lives and our careers. Opportunities exist to work with state and federal governments to make your voice heard.

- Work as a legislative intern at the Washington, D.C. office
- Attend the AAP Legislative Conference
- Participate in state legislative forums
- Utilize the AAP Advocacy Guide

SECTION ON MEDICAL STUDENTS, RESIDENTS AND FELLOWSHIP TRAINEES (SOMSRFT)

- Established in 1989
- Largest section within the Academy with more than 10,000 members
- Made up of residents, fellowship trainees and medical students
- 97% of all pediatric residents in the U.S. belong to the SOMSRFT

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Committed to the attainment of optimal physical, mental and social health and well-being for all infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

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The SOMSRFT & You

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Pediatrics
Section on Medical
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Web Site:
www.aap.org/ypn

Our Mission:
The AAP Section on Medical Students, Residents and Fellowship Trainees will advocate for residents, training fellows and medical students, develop leadership within the Section, and educate section members on how to advocate for the infants, children, adolescents, and young adults.

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MEMBER BENEFITS



Being a member of the AAP is important for many reasons. The AAP is made up of more than 60,000 pediatricians in the United States including 97% of

all pediatric residents in the U.S. *The Academy is dedicated to improving the health and well-being of children everywhere as well as being an advocate for its members.*

What do you get for being a member for only \$88.00 per year?

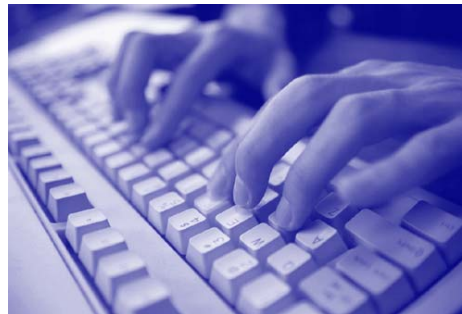
- Publications: *PREP, Pediatrics in Review, The Red Book, Pediatrics* and discounts on other AAP publications
- Special resident-focused programs at the National Conference Exhibition (NCE)
- Networking opportunities with other medical students, residents and fellowship trainees across the country
- Leadership and career development opportunities
- Access to scholarships and grants through the AAP
- *Pedjobs* - an online resource for finding a job that is right for you
- The Resident Report: the section's bi-annual newsletter

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Getting involved in the AAP is easy! Once you're a member, there are a number of ways that you can participate. Contact your chapter to find how you can get involved on the local level. At the national level, leadership positions include:

- Program Delegate: A residency program's representative that serves as a liaison between the section executive committee and your program.
- Liaison: The section has dozens of liaisons that serve as our representative on other sections within the AAP, as well as other national medical associations including the AMA and AMSA.
- Executive Committee: Elections are held annually to fill the positions of District Coordinator (10), Assistant District Coordinator (10), Secretary and Vice-Chair.

Getting involved in a leadership role means you can take the lead on topics ranging from pediatric education to child advocacy.



See our web site for more information
www.aap.org/ypn

SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS

The SOMSRFT gives you access to many different types of funding from financial need scholarships to research and travel grants.

- Financial Need Based Scholarships: Range from \$1,000 to \$5,000
- Travel Grants to attend the National Conference and Exhibition (NCE): \$300 dollars per training program
- International Travel Grants: \$500 grants to do an international child health rotation
- Resident Research Grants: up to \$3,000
- Resident CATCH grants: up to \$3,000
- Anne E Dyson Child Advocacy Award: \$300 stipend, travel expenses, registration for the NCE and press releases

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