Background and Submission Guidelines

The AAP Section on Orthopaedics (SOOr) is offering awards of $1,500 to orthopaedic residents and pediatric orthopaedic fellows in the United States and Canada who are interested in providing musculoskeletal care to children in resource-poor regions of the world (number of awards per cycle will be at the discretion of the review committee). The scholarship program facilitates mentored experiences for young surgeons in training so that early in their career they have a unique, quality training experience abroad under the direction and supervision of a senior pediatric orthopaedic surgeon.

The goal of the Section’s Global Outreach Mentored Scholarship Program is to meld the principles and lessons learned during the experience abroad into future professional practice and to understand the value of both providing care to those in need and mentoring future leaders.

1. The application period opens July 1 and closes November 1. The deadline for all materials is November 1 for trips to be made during the following calendar year. Applications submitted after the deadline will not be considered.

2. Applicant must be enrolled in an ACGME orthopaedic residency or in a pediatric orthopaedic fellowship in the United States and Canada at time of application cycle deadline.

3. Applicant must identify a physician mentor who is a pediatric orthopaedic surgeon that agrees to travel with, mentor, and supervise the scholar during the trip. All clinical and surgical care must be provided under the direct supervision of that mentor.

4. Award periods must be between 1 and 4 weeks in duration.

5. The applicant is encouraged to review the United States Department of State Travel Warning website at https://travel.state.gov/content/travel.html before committing to a country/region of the world for the scholarship program.

6. The selected scholar is required to submit a completed trip report within 30 days of return.

7. The selected scholar will receive $1,500 after the trip report has been submitted and approved. SOOr does not handle any travel arrangements or oversee any logistics related to the trip.

8. Note: Trip reports may form the basis of a news article in AAP News or in an upcoming SOOr newsletter.

9. Scholars may not request outside or institutional funding for expenses covered by the $1,500.

10. Scholars will be invited to give a short presentation at the Section on Orthopaedics program during the National Conference and Exhibition. Please note: The Section does not reimburse the scholar’s travel to the National Conference, and the presentation is optional.