

Maternal and Child Health Scholarship
\$2,500 (3)

The goal of the Fay W. Boozman College of Public Health Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Scholarship is to increase the number of graduate student trainees who are from underrepresented backgrounds in the maternal and child health field. The scholarship is funded by Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services through the Maternal and Child Health Public Health Catalyst Program.

Eligibility

Students will be eligible to apply for the scholarship upon meeting the following criteria:

- Currently enrolled in a degree program affiliated with the UAMS College of Public Health (COPH).
- Be from one or more underrepresented backgrounds as defined by at least one of the following:
 - Underrepresented minority based upon the definition of HRSA (American Indian or Alaska Native, Black or African American, Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander, Hispanic [all races]);
 - First Generation to attend college - Have/had no parents or legal guardians who completed a bachelor's degree (see First-Generation and Continuing-Generation College Students: A Comparison of High School and Postsecondary Experiences;
 - Individuals with disabilities, who are defined as those with a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities, as described in the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, as amended;
 - Were or currently are eligible for Federal Pell grants;
 - Received support from the Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC) as a parent or child.
- Be in good academic standing within COPH.

Application Process and Selection

- Complete and submit the MCH Scholarship Application Form.
- Submit a statement of approximately 1-2 pages (double-spaced) about your interest in MCH including future plans to work in the MCH field.
- Provide a copy of your academic transcript and your resume.
- Provide a letter of reference from a previous academic instructor or work/volunteer position supervisor. The letter should be on letterhead and signed and should not exceed one page.
- Submit all documents as a PDF attachment in an e-mail, subject line "MCH Scholarship Application," addressed to COPH Office of Academic Affairs at COPH_OAA@uams.edu
- Deadline for submission is **4:00 pm, Monday, March 27, 2023**. Please note deadline date—there will be no exceptions.
- Selection of the recipients will be made by the College of Public Health Scholarship Committee.
- *Priority will be given to full-time students with at least one semester remaining in their program and those who plan to pursue careers in MCH.*

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- The recipient will be notified via their UAMS e-mail account in April and will be presented with the award at the COPH Convocation on May 19, 2023. The Award Committee respectfully requests (but does not require) the awardee to attend Convocation to receive the award. Attendance this year will be face-to-face.
- The recipient may also receive annual membership dues to one Maternal and Child Health focused professional organization (up to \$300 per year).
- The scholarship will be applied to the recipient's student account through the UAMS Bursar's Office.

