

Neil and Clara Spain Memorial Scholarship \$1,000 (2)

The late Neil and Clara Spain generously established through their estate The Neil and Clara Spain Memorial Scholarship to provide support to a public health student in need who has demonstrated high academic performance in the college of public health.

Eligibility

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

- Currently enrolled in the UAMS COPH as a candidate for a degree in the college of public health (MPH, MHA, MS, DrPH or PhD).
- Successful completion of at least 18 credit hours towards that degree with a cumulative COPH GPA of 3.5 or higher, but not completing their degree this semester and returning for the Fall semester.
- Not a previous recipient of this scholarship.

Application Process and Selection

- Apply for financial aid (if you have not already done so), including completing the FAFSA.
- Provide a copy of Student Aid Report (SAR). All students applying for this scholarship must also apply for financial aid if they have not done so already. Students are <u>not</u> required to accept the awarded loans, but a completed <u>FAFSA</u> is required to generate the aid report that officially documents the financial need of applicants. Please see the <u>Student Financial Services</u> website for more information.
- Provide a personal statement (no more than 500 words, double spaced) that addresses the student's commitment to the ideals of the program they are pursuing in the college of public health, and plans for their career.
- Please provide your student ID number along with a copy of your academic transcript and your resume.
- Please include your academic achievements in the college of public health for your career, as they will be considered in support of your application.
- Provide a letter of support from a faculty member with primary appointment in the COPH, providing evidence of the student's commitment to achieving academic excellence in their chosen field in the college of public health. The letter should be on letterhead and signed by the faculty member and should not exceed one page.
- Submit all documents as a PDF attachment in an e-mail, subject line "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.

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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. Members of the Spain family are invited to attend the Convocation to present the award announcement. 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 scholarship will be applied to your student account through the UAMS Bursar's Office.