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ENDOWMENT FOR SOUTH ASIAN STUDENTS OF INDIAN DESCENT SCHOLARSHIP

A \$3,000 scholarship will be awarded to a qualified medical student.

Eligibility for scholarship applicants:

- Applicant must be a Pennsylvania or New Jersey resident for at least 12 months before registering as a medical student (not including time spent attending a PA or NJ undergraduate/graduate school).
- Applicant must be a South Asian Indian or a descendant of a South Asian Indian immigrant to the United States. The following lineage qualifies: self, parent(s), grandparent(s), or great-grandparent(s) of South Asian Indian heritage.
- Applicant must be enrolled full time in a fully accredited Pennsylvania medical school.
- Applicant must be enrolled in his/her second, third, or fourth year of medical school.
- Applicant must have completed a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP AND BIRTH DESCENT MAY BE REQUIRED IF SELECTED.

Applicant must use the [Scholarship Application Portal](#) to submit the following:

1. A completed scholarship application form.
2. Two reference letters, from persons other than family members, documenting the applicant's integrity, interpersonal skills, and potential as a future physician.
3. A letter, on school letterhead, from the applicant's medical school verifying that he/she is enrolled full time as a second-, third-, or fourth-year medical student at that institution. Letter must also identify whether successful academic progression is being performed; include grade point average, point scale, or equivalent.
4. An essay addressing the following: *How do you hope to be involved in your community beyond clinical care of patients? In what ways would you hope to demonstrate leadership as a physician in your community? (500 words or less)*

A PERSONAL INTERVIEW IS NOT REQUIRED; HOWEVER, IT MAY BE REQUESTED.

Online applications open July 1 at <https://applications.foundationpamedsoc.org/scholarships/>.

Application must be submitted by September 30 of the current year.

Applicants will be notified of the committee's decision in December of the current year.

Questions? Contact Foundation staff at:

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Fulfilling a Dream...

The Endowment for South Asian Students of Indian Descent (ESASID) scholarship fund was made possible by contributions from Drs. Jitendra and Saryu Desai and other friends of medicine.

Dr. Jitendra Desai, a urologist, and Dr. Saryu Desai, an anesthesiologist, from Sewickley, Pennsylvania, initiated the ESASID medical scholarship in July 2002.

The scholarship exists to help South Asian Indian medical students who demonstrate academic excellence, but struggle with the escalating costs of a medical education.

It is hoped that, by initiating this medical education fund, others will add to it, enabling more South Asian Indian students to realize their dream of becoming a physician. The fund is endowed and permanently restricted so that interest earnings will always be available to provide scholarships for physician education.