



**Inaugural Rural Health Scholars Program**

***The Rural Health Challenge:  
Unique Needs and Opportunities***

**University of Iowa – Iowa City  
June 23 – 27, 2008**

**2008 Application Form**



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#### **Application Instructions and Program Overview**

**Overview:** Continuing a long tradition of educating health professions students on important health care issues not necessarily taught in standard curricula, the American Medical Student Association/Foundation presents the inaugural Rural Health Scholars program in June 2008. The purpose of this weeklong, innovative institute is to educate students about current issues in rural health, develop leadership skills for future primary care physicians, dentists, nurse practitioners, and physician assistants, and engage students in curricular reform and health policy issues. After being nominated by their deans, twenty students will be selected to participate in the program. The University of Iowa in Iowa City is hosting this year's Rural Health Scholars program.

**Eligibility Guidelines:** Only students enrolled in U.S. medical (either allopathic or osteopathic) or dental schools or in graduate programs leading to the nurse practitioner or physician assistant degree are eligible to apply and attend this program. You **do not** have to be an AMSA member to participate.

**Program Dates and Location:** The University of Iowa in Iowa City, IA, will host the 2008 Rural Health Scholars program from June 23 – 27, 2008. Applicants selected to attend will be required to attend the entire five days of the program from Monday morning, June 23, until late afternoon Friday, June 27. Students will not be granted permission to miss partial or whole days of the conference.

**Costs:** There is a \$40 fee per participant to cover registration, materials, and related program fees. A continental breakfast and lunch will be provided during the program to all participants. Participants will be asked to cover the cost of transportation to/from the host city as well as their lodging and dinners for the week. (**Note:** The host school will identify low-cost housing for all participants. More details related to housing—including where and the exact cost—will be provided when students are informed as to their status in the program.)

Although not required, we ask that the each applicant's school, to demonstrate its commitment to and support of health professions student leadership in rural health, help fund the cost of transportation and lodging for each student.

**Application Deadline:** All applications must be e-mailed to Angelia Bowman ([abowman@amsa.org](mailto:abowman@amsa.org)) and received no later than **4:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, May 16, 2008**. In order to facilitate the application review process, we will be unable to review any hand-delivered applications or those sent by fax or via snail mail. Applications will be considered complete when all four required portions of the application materials have been received by AMSA's national office. In order to streamline the process, please try to send all application materials at one time. If you would like to receive confirmation that your application has been received by AMSA's national office and that your application has been submitted for review, please e-mail Angelia Bowman at [abowman@amsa.org](mailto:abowman@amsa.org).

**Notification and Acceptance:** All applicants will be notified on or around Monday, May 19, 2008, about the status of their application **via e-mail**. Students selected to participate in the program will be asked to confirm their acceptance and intention to participate and to submit registration (\$40) and housing fees (approximately \$175 – 200 for the entire week) at that time. ***All correspondence relating to the Rural Health Scholars program will take place via e-mail, so make sure to include a correct e-mail address and one that you check frequently!***



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- Please type all information.
- Please provide all information requested.
- A complete application will include:
  - This application form
  - A current resume or CV
  - Response to a discussion question
  - Dean's Certification Form

**APPLICANT INFORMATION**

**Name:**

**Current Address:**

**Current City, State, Zip:**

**Permanent Address:**

**Permanent City, State, Zip:**

**Phone:**

**E-mail:**

**Please note:** Since most correspondence regarding the Rural Health Scholars program will come via e-mail, please make sure to provide an e-mail address for an account that you check frequently!

**How did you find out about this program?**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> AMSA's web page                       | <input type="checkbox"/> Announcement in another publication |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Dean's office                         | <input type="checkbox"/> Listserv e-mail - which list:       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMSA's Membership Reporter newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Peer/Colleague                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> AMSA chapter announcement             | <input type="checkbox"/> Other (please specify):             |

## EDUCATION

Please include a **current resume or CV**.

Please provide the following information:

	School Name	Degree	Year of Graduation (expected)
Medical/Dental/NP/PA			
Graduate			
Undergraduate			
Other			

**Current 1<sup>st</sup> choice specialty:**

**Current 2<sup>nd</sup> choice specialty:**

## ESSAY

Please answer the following discussion question. **Limit your response to no more than 500 words total.**

Integrating the theme of the 2008 Rural Health Scholars program, *The Rural Health Challenge: Unique Needs and Opportunities*, please develop an essay that incorporates the following themes:

- The reasons why it is important for medical, dental, nurse practitioner, and/or physician assistant students to learn about how to provide health care in rural, underserved communities; and
- The perspective you hope to bring to the Rural Health Scholars program and what you hope to learn by participating in the program.

## APPLICANT'S CERTIFICATION

*By typing your name below:*

I certify that the information contained in this application is accurate to the best of my knowledge, and I further certify that I am available and will be present during the entire Rural Health Scholars program from June 23 - 27, 2008.

**Applicant's Typed Signature:**

**Date:**

## DEAN'S CERTIFICATION

This certification is part of the student application for AMSA's 2008 Rural Health Scholars program. Please complete and e-mail back to the student applicant.

**Name of Student:**

**Dental/Medical/Nurse Practitioner/Physician Assistant School:**

**Name of Dean:**

**Dean's Mailing Address:**

**Student Class Year:**

**Anticipated Date of Graduation:**

**Degree Expected:**

Please include a brief statement *not to exceed 250 words* discussing a specific strength or perspective you think this student can bring to the Rural Health Scholars program and how that strength or perspective would be beneficial to the other students:

I certify that the above student is in good academic standing and is my institution's nominee for the 2008 Rural Health Scholars program. If this student is accepted for the program, my institution will help pay for the student's travel and lodging. (*Please note:* This is highly recommended but not required.)

**Name:**

**Typed Signature:**

**Title:**

**Date:**