



Jim Meeks PA-C, DFAAPA Memorial AFPPA Student Scholarship

Humble willingness to serve, putting others first, being a teacher; encouragement to move to and serve the underserved in a rural town, demonstrating clinical expertise, distilling confidence in patients and supervising physician, setting the example of competent, eager service, demonstrates what a PA should be. The stature of our profession is elevated because he was one of us.

PA Meeks believed that continuing medical education is paramount in maintaining quality care of his patients. “I have always sought out what I considered to be the best in CME opportunities including wound care workshops, specific topics of emergency medicine, when I was first working in emergency medicine and so forth”. Jim was one of the first and only PAs to actually achieve ATLS certification in 1995. That has been a struggle for PAs for years. He was recognized early for his ability to teach PA and NP students, and did so for years with many of them working in his various practice settings. Jim recognized the need for teaching PA students more about being a PA and billing and coding, etc. He put together his first curriculum for PA students in 1995 and continued teaching up to his death in 2009 – passing on the wisdom so to speak. PA Meeks developed programs in Billing and Coding, Legal Documentation, Surviving Your First Year as a PA, UTIs and Hematuria, Well Child Exams, Stress Management and many others.

Jim Meeks, PA, Seventh President, AFPPA 2008 -2009
Died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, 6:15 AM

The Association of Family Practice Physician Assistants is pleased to offer scholarship awards to Physician Assistant Students who demonstrate a commitment to Family Practice, Rural Health and Education of physician assistants and nurse practitioners. Winning students will demonstrate the outstanding characteristics listed above. The amount is \$1,500 and will be awarded to two students. Awards are made to those who are student members of the AFPPA and are in good academic standing.

To apply for this scholarship:

Please submit an essay (750 words or less) that describes your commitment to Family Practice, Rural Health and education. Describe your efforts to support and promote the PA profession.

Complete the registration form and forward it to a faculty member along with your statement. The faculty member then completes the faculty form and forwards the registration form, statement and faculty form from an official school email address.

Your application is scored based on your essay and faculty recommendation. Please give us a full understanding of why YOU deserve this award.

ONLY COMPLETE EMAIL APPLICATIONS WILL BE CONSIDERED.

Applications and attachments must be in a Microsoft Word or compatible format. No PDF or scanned documents can be considered.

Applicants are to advise their faculty member to submit the **complete** application to:

Rene McCarty, PA-C
AFPPA Scholarship Committee Chair
scholarshipchair@afppa.org

Deadline for receipt of your scholarship application is September 1, of the current year. (Late or incomplete applications will not be considered.)

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Applicant Information:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Name of PA Program:

AFPPA Membership Number:

The COMPLETE application should be submitted by the faculty member by email to scholarshipchair@afppa.org

This page is to be completed by PA Program Faculty:

Student's Name:

PA Faculty Member's Name:

Faculty Phone/Contact Number:

Program/University name:

Is this student in good academic standing?

Based on the criteria presented, what characteristics make this student outstanding in some way? Your comments and evaluation constitute 50% of the points for this student!