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**Aerospace Medicine Student & Resident Organization Diversity  
Opportunity: Trailblazer Scholarship  
(Formerly the AMSRO Diversity Scholarship)  
(Annual Deadline to Apply: March 1)**

**Eligible Applicants:** Enrolled medical or premedical students who are interested in the fields of aviation medicine and/or space medicine are encouraged to apply if they 1) identify as underrepresented or underserved minorities in medicine and/or aerospace medicine and other aviation- and spaceflight-focused activities, and 2) possess unique qualities, experiences, and perspectives that will enhance the overall diversity of the field of aerospace medicine. This scholarship aims to engage medical students and premeds (undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, or masters students who intend to apply to medical school) in a highly-specialized branch of clinical practice and, in turn, recruit future subspecialists who may have experienced limited opportunities in space and flight medicine; therefore, special consideration may be given to nonmembers who are new to AsMA and AMSRO.

**AMSRO Trailblazer Scholarship Awardees Will Receive:**

- \$750.00 to be used toward an approved aerospace medicine event
- Waived 1-year student membership fee for the Aerospace Medicine Association (AsMA)
- Waived student registration fee for the year's AsMA Annual Scientific Meeting
- Waived 1-year membership fee for the Aerospace Medicine Student and Resident Organization (AMSRO)
- Tailored preprofessional mentorship through AMSRO

**Application Information:** The mission of AMSRO's Diversity Committee is to promote the diversity, equity, and inclusion of all persons in aerospace medicine. Core values include:

- celebrating the field's existing diversity,
- identifying gaps in representation and equity, and
- closing these gaps with specific initiatives and general advocacy.

If you have any questions about this application or details of the scholarship program, please email [amsro.diversity@gmail.com](mailto:amsro.diversity@gmail.com).

### Essay Questions (3):

1. What has diversity meant in your life? We are interested in the unique life experiences, challenges, personal characteristics, and decisions that led to where you are in the course of your medical career. These elements may relate to aspects including, but not limited to, race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, socioeconomic status, family upbringing, cultural background, financial struggles, and more. **Limit your responses to no more than 400 words.**
2. This essay asks you to imagine future careers. Based on your circumstances and characteristics, how would your perspectives benefit your profession? How might you apply your unique experiences to broaden the scope of diversity in a field like flight medicine or space medicine? **Limit your responses to no more than 400 words.**
3. If awarded, your scholarship funds are intended for in-person attendance at an Aerospace Medicine Association (AsMA)-based event, primarily the Annual Scientific Meeting (<https://www.asma.org/scientific-meetings>), which will introduce interested newcomers to the breadth of opportunities in aerospace medicine and facilitate new connections. If there are extenuating circumstances that prevent your attendance at the Scientific Meeting or another AsMA-based event, the funds must be used for a qualifying aeromedical conference or event that will need approval from the AMSRO Diversity Committee. (Alternatives might include the NASA HRP Investigators' Workshop, the NASA/JSC Aerospace Medicine Clerkship, and the UTMB Principles of Aviation and Space Medicine summer course, but all non-AsMA-based events are subject to review.) If selected to receive this scholarship, how do you plan to use the award funds? (If you will be unable to attend an AsMA event, please provide an explanation and your planned alternative.) **Limit your responses to no more than 100 words.**
4. (Optional) If awarded, you will be eligible for tailored mentorship through AMSRO from someone in the field. This is intended to help you cultivate an area of interest such as research, outreach, advocacy, etc. If you already have an area of interest in mind, please indicate it here. **Limit your responses to no more than 50 words.**

**The application will also require you to upload your CV; include relevant employment, education, extra-curricular activities, and community involvement. The CV should also provide current contact information including email, phone, and mailing address.**

This scholarship will be awarded annually provided there are eligible applicant(s). Applicants will be notified of their award status via email by a member of the AMSRO Diversity Committee by the first week of April. Checks will be mailed to designated recipients; awardees will be expected to provide a short written summary (250–300 words) discussing the use of their award funds (in other words, what did they learn and/or experience) within three weeks of the aerospace medicine activity or event. This summary should be emailed to the AMSRO Diversity Committee chair(s) at [amsro.diversity@gmail.com](mailto:amsro.diversity@gmail.com).