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**2026 CVS Health Foundation / AACP
Community Pharmacy Award**

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Program Information and Application Instructions

Deadline: June 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time (HT)

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THE PROGRAM

Description

The CVS Health Foundation / AACP Community Pharmacy Award for Student Pharmacists will be awarded to 21 outstanding student pharmacists who face financial barriers in their pursuit of education. For the 2026-2027 academic year, scholarship applicants must be enrolled as a (P1) or (P2) in a 3-year OR 4-year Pharm.D. program; OR enrolled as a (P3) or (P4) in a 0-5 OR 0-6 Pharm.D. program at an American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) member institution. Selected awardees must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to care for patients in their local community. Each awardee will receive a **single \$20,000 scholarship**.

Goal of the Program

The CVS Health Foundation / AACP Community Pharmacy Award is intended to support students who will care for the needs of patients, the profession, and the public, both within and outside healthcare settings. The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce financial barriers for student pharmacists in pursuit of a Pharm.D. degree who are committed to addressing the well-being of individual patients in communities across the United States.

Eligibility Requirements

Qualified applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Eligible student statuses during the 2026-2027 Program:
 - For the 2026-2027 academic year, scholarship applicants must be enrolled as a (P1) or (P2) in a 3-year OR 4-year Pharm.D. program; OR enrolled as a (P3) or (P4) in a 0-5 OR 0-6 Pharm.D. program.
- Students must be able to demonstrate that they face financial barriers in their pursuit of education. To qualify, students must have filed or be claimed as a dependent on the most recent Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040, 1040A, or 1040EZ with an adjusted gross income that falls below the Low-Income Level listed below. The Low-Income Level is based on 200 percent of the [U.S. Department of Health and Human Services poverty guidelines](#) and used to determine what constitutes a low-income family. (Table 1)
- Student must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident.
- Students must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the pharmacy profession and patient care.
- GPA for current degree program must be 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship.
- Students must submit a completed [application](#) by the deadline.
- A student may only receive the CVS Health Foundation / AACP Community Pharmacy Award once.

Persons in Family or Household	Income Level
1	\$31,300
2	\$42,300
3	\$53,300
4	\$64,300
5	\$75,300
6	\$86,300
7	\$97,300
8	\$108,300
*For each additional person, add \$11,000	

Scholarship Notification

- Completed applications are due **Monday, June 15, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time (HT)**
- Completed applications will be reviewed by **August 2026**.
- Scholarship recipients will be notified via email during **Fall 2026**.
- Funds will be forwarded to the student’s institution in **December 2026**.
- Additional information will be requested from awardees (e.g., media release, photo) during **Fall 2026**. **Students must share a photo and name for promotional purposes as indicated in the application.**
- AACP will announce the scholarship recipients on the *AACP* and *Pharmacy Is Right for Me* websites and social media in **Fall 2026**.
- CVS Health and its Foundation may also release related announcements about the scholarship recipients via the company’s communication channels.

Scholarships Payments

A single scholarship in the amount of \$20,000 each will be awarded to twenty-one (21) outstanding students. AACP will pay the scholarship funds for each awardee directly to the pharmacy college or school where the student is currently enrolled. Funds will be dispersed in December 2026 after the 2026-2027 academic year begins. Each institution will exclusively apply the scholarship funds to the awardee’s tuition and/or fees.

Scholarships Questions

Please contact AACP at scholarships@aaccp.org with questions.

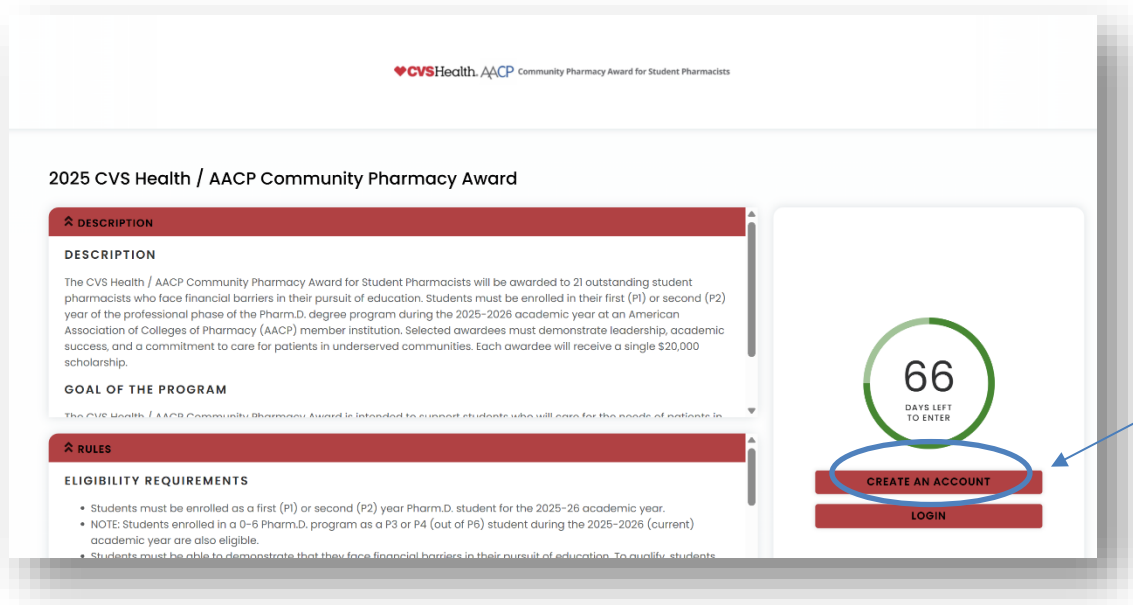
APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications are due June 15, 2026 at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time (HT)

APPLICATION BASICS

- Access the scholarship application online at: <https://my.reviewr.com/site/2026cvs>
- Review the eligibility criteria under the “RULES” heading to ensure you are eligible for this scholarship.
- Select "CREATE AN ACCOUNT" to begin a new application.



APPLICATION SECTIONS

Step 1: Applicant Information

- **Name**
- **Current Street Address** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
- **Email** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
- **Preferred Phone Number** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
- **College or School of Pharmacy**

Step 2: Eligibility Information

- **Academic Status**
 - Eligible student statuses during the 2026-2027 Academic Year:
 - For the 2026-2027 academic year, scholarship applicants must be enrolled as a (P1) or (P2) in a 3-year OR 4-year Pharm.D. program; OR enrolled as a (P3) or (P4) in a 0-5 OR 0-6 Pharm.D. program.
- **GPA Eligibility** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)

- Enter your GPA for your current degree program (undergraduate or Pharm.D). To be eligible for consideration, GPA must be 2.5 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Please enter "0.0" if your school uses a grading scale besides 4.0 (i.e., Pass/Fail).
- Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship. Please email scholarships@aacp.org, if you have additional questions regarding other grading systems.
- **Economic Disadvantaged Status** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
 - View the [low-income level table](#) on the PharmCAS fee waiver page to determine if you are considered economically disadvantaged.
 - Does your household's income fall within the table's guidelines for economically disadvantaged?
 - Yes
 - No
 - I recognize that if I am selected for this scholarship, I will provide evidence of my economic disadvantage status (either a copy of your most recent Federal Income Tax Return Form 1040 or approval of a PharmCAS fee Waiver).
 - Yes
 - No
- **Service to Communities**
 - Which of the following best describes your experience serving in your local communities?
 - I have actively volunteered or worked in communities for more than 100 hours.
 - I have volunteered or worked in communities for less than 100 hours.
 - I have not volunteered or worked in communities, but I am interested in doing so in the future.
 - None of the above applies to me.
- **Residency** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
 - Only US citizens and Permanent US Residents are eligible.
- **Release of information (required field)** (this information will not be visible to reviewers)
 - I understand that, if selected as a recipient of this scholarship, my name and photograph will be used for promotional and recognition purposes. I grant permission for the scholarship organization to publish or display my name and image in print, digital, and social media formats in connection with the scholarship program. If you have questions, please reach out to scholarships@aacp.org.
 - Yes, I agree to share my name and photograph for promotional purposes

Step 3: Letters of Reference – Two (2) Required

Each recommender should describe how you have provided patient-centered, community-oriented care for patients and how you have contributed, and will continue to contribute, to the profession of pharmacy.

Contact each recommender in advance, so they know to expect an email from this program.

- **Recommendation #1: Faculty Member**
 - Invite a pharmacy or science faculty member to submit a recommendation on your behalf.
 - Recommendations from non-teaching faculty and academic advisors are also

acceptable.

- **Recommendation #2:**
 - Invite a pharmacist, pharmacy scientist, pharmacy researcher, pharmacy school faculty member, or other healthcare professional or educator to submit a letter on your behalf.

How to add a reference:

- Click “ADD”

SAVE FOR LATER

LETTERS OF REFERENCE

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Reference #1: Faculty Member

- Invite a pharmacy or science faculty member to submit a recommendation on your behalf.
- Recommendations from non-teaching faculty and academic advisors are also acceptable.

Reference #2: Healthcare Professional or Educator

- Invite a pharmacist, pharmacy scientist, pharmacy researcher, pharmacy school faculty member, or other healthcare professional or educator to submit a letter on your behalf.

Click the "Add New" button below to input the contact information for your two references.

Add TWO References *

Add New Reference for CVS Scholarship **ADD**

SUPPLEMENTAL FORM	EMAIL ADDRESS	SUPPLEMENTAL FORM TYPE	STATUS	CREATED DATE
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- Enter the reference’s first name, last name, and email address.
- Click “SAVE AND SEND” to trigger the invitation email to be sent to your reference.

ADD NEW

First
Test

Last
Recommender 1

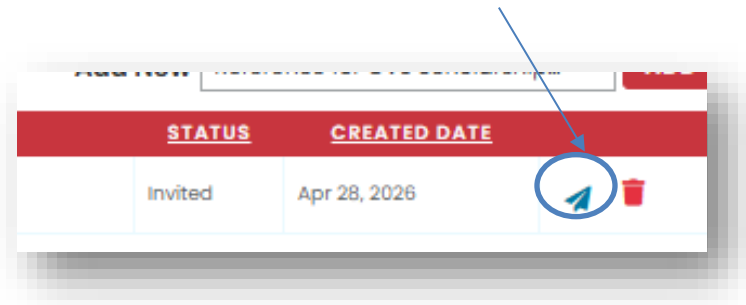
Email Address
testrec1@mailinator.com

SAVE AND SEND **CANCEL**

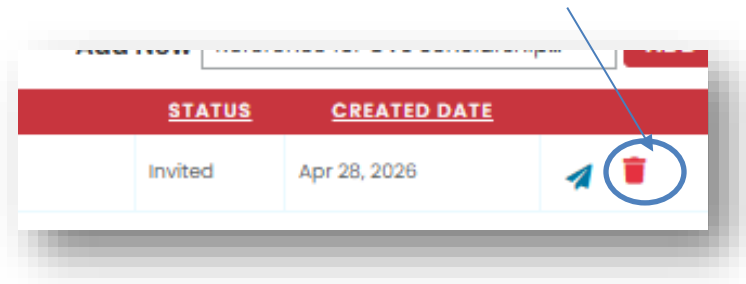
- The reference will now appear, and their status will read “Invited”.

SUPPLEMENTAL FORM	EMAIL ADDRESS	SUPPLEMENTAL FORM TYPE	STATUS	CREATED DATE
Test Recommender 1	testrec1@mailinator.com	Submit Reference for 2026 CVS Health Foundation / AACP Community Pharmacy Award	Invited	Apr 28, 2026

- The email invitation will come from noreply@reviewr.com, and we encourage you to advise your references to add that email to their safe sender list.
- Once your reference has submitted their letter, their status will change to “Ready”.
- We recommend you reach out to your recommenders to ensure that they receive the invitation email. If you need to resend the invitation, click on the “Send” icon on the right.



- If your references do not receive the email, they should contact us at scholarships@aacp.org
- **Your application will be considered incomplete until the references are submitted. Applications, including references, must be complete and submitted by the deadline to be considered.**
- If you wish to delete a reference you added, click the trashcan icon on the right.



Step 4: GPA Verification Upload

Upload an unofficial copy of your most recent transcript for your current degree program as a single PDF. To be eligible for consideration, your overall GPA must be 2.50 or greater on a 4.00 scale. Your GPA and unofficial transcript will only be used to determine eligibility and not otherwise considered in the review process.

Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship. If you attend an institution with a non-standard grading system, upload a PDF copy of your transcript with the grading system description included. The grading system can usually be found on the back of the transcript.

Please email scholarships@aacp.org, if you have additional questions regarding the GPA verification process.

Step 5: Resume/CV and Activities

Your resume is a very important part of your scholarship application. It will be used to help differentiate your application from others and allow you to showcase your academic and extracurricular involvement. Review the requirements below before you upload your resume.

- Save and submit your resume as a PDF.
- If you use any acronyms, also provide the full name.
- Use headers and/or section titles to organize your resume.

- Briefly describe any leadership roles and/or involvement.
- Include length of time spent at each organization and in each leadership role.

Step 6: Activities and Leadership

This section is an opportunity to expand upon your resume and/or include additional activities. It will be used to help differentiate your application from others and allow you to showcase your academic and extracurricular involvement. Be sure to include experiences, achievements, extracurricular activities, leadership roles and/or involvement as well as length of time spent in organizations and/or leadership roles.

Leadership Activities:

- Describe your activities and leadership in academic, collegiate, or university sponsored organization, club, research or activity
- Describe your activities and leadership in **non**-academic related environments (for example volunteering, work, civic groups)

Step 7: Applicant Essay

You are strongly encouraged to compose your essay in a separate word processor, then copy and paste as plain text into the text box. Use line breaks (the return key) to separate paragraphs. Please do NOT insert hyperlinks or other formatting. Limit essay to 6000 characters. Although you may utilize mentors, peers, advisors, and/or artificial intelligence (AI) tools or other online resources for proofreading or editing, your final submission must be a true reflection of your own work and must represent your individual ideas, thoughts, and experiences.

Essay : Describe how your lived experiences have shaped your commitment to improving the public health and well-being of individuals and communities across the United States. In your response, highlight how these experiences have influenced your approach to identifying challenges and developing innovative, practical solutions to address public health needs. Consider how your perspective, creativity, and problem-solving skills will contribute to advancing meaningful changes in healthcare.

Step 8: Applicant Certification

I consent to sharing my name, email, pharmacy school, graduation year, and resume with CVS Health Foundation to receive information about career opportunities and programs.

- I agree to share my information
- I do not agree to share my information

***Please note that you are not required to agree to sharing your information with CVS Health Foundation. Not agreeing to share your information will not impact your application.*

Applicant Certification

By adding my name to the text box below, I certify that all the information and statements I have provided in this application are current, correct, and complete to the best of my knowledge. I certify that all writing submitted by me as a part of this application is my own. This includes, but is not limited to, any personal

essays or written responses. Although I may utilize mentors, peers, advisors, and/or artificial intelligence (AI) tools or other online resources for proofreading or editing, my final submission is a true reflection of my own work and represents my individual ideas, thoughts, and experiences.

I understand my certification of this statement serves the same purpose as a legal signature.

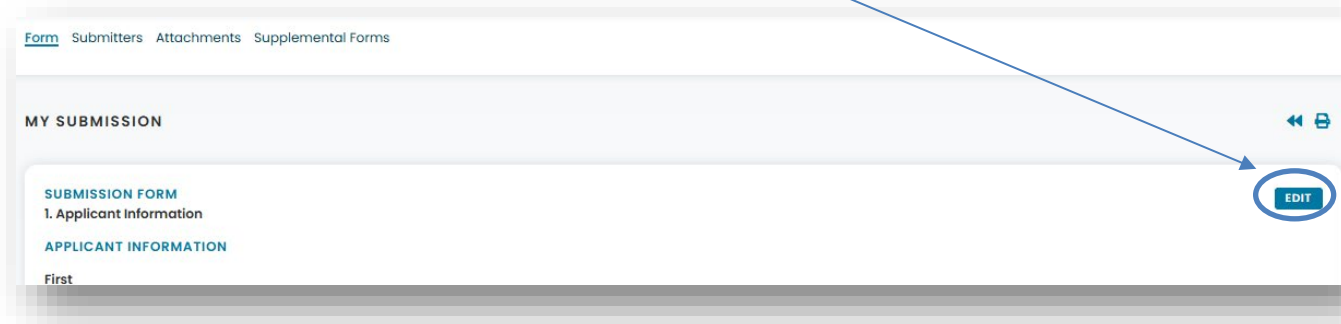
- Check “I certify”.
- Add your full name to the text box to indicate your agreement.
- Select today’s date.
- If you are ready to submit your completed application, click “Submit”.

Your certification of this statement serves the same purpose as a legal signature.

EDITING YOUR APPLICATION

Editing AFTER Submitting





If you need to edit your application after you have submitted it, you can do so by logging back in at <https://my.reviewr.com/site//2026cvs> and clicking on the blue “EDIT” button on the top right corner. Please note that you can only edit your application until the deadline. After the deadline has passed, no more edits can be made. No exceptions.



Checking Status of References

You can submit your application even if your references have not submitted their recommendation letters, **but your application will be considered incomplete until references are submitted. References must also be submitted by the June 15, 2026, deadline. No exceptions.** To check the status of your references after submitting your application, log in and click on “Supplemental Forms” at the top. You can also resend invitation emails from here by clicking on the “Send” icon next to the reference’s name, delete references by clicking on the “Trash” icon and add new references by clicking on the “Add” button. Please note that you may not add more than 2 references.

Add New Reference for CVS Scholarship **ADD**

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Test Recommender 1	testrec1@mailinator.com	Submit Reference for 2026 CVS Health Foundation / AACP Community Pharmacy Award	Invited	Apr 28, 2026	 
Test Recommender 2	testrec2@mailinator.com	Submit Reference for 2026 CVS Health Foundation / AACP Community Pharmacy Award	Invited	Apr 28, 2026	 

Status Meanings

- **“Invited”**: Reference has not yet logged in to begin submitting their letter.
- **“Incomplete”**: Reference has logged in to the platform but not yet submitted their letter.
- **“Ready”**: Reference has successfully submitted their letter and the reference is complete.

APPLICATION REVIEW

Review Overview

AACP staff will determine that all applications are complete, and eligibility requirements have been met, such as good academic standing, and financial need. Once eligibility requirements are verified, the application will be moved through the evaluation process. An evaluation scale from zero to five or zero to ten is used for scoring each of the evaluation criteria, respectively.

Review Criteria

The following criteria will be used for all eligible applicants. The review team will look for well thought out, clear and concise, well organized, and complete applications, with evidence that awardee demonstrates leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the profession and patient care in communities. The scholarship review process may consider the applicant's academic year (P1 or P2) and the school in which they are enrolled to promote equitable distribution of awards across both class levels and all member institutions.

1) Resume/CV and Activities (Points possible= 25)

The applicant resume is used to determine the degree to which the student has demonstrated academic involvement and engagement both on and off campus, as well as the leadership ability shown through professional, educational, and extracurricular experiences.

- Engagement and Leadership in academic, collegiate, or university sponsored organization, club, research or activity (10 points possible)
 - Participation (up to 5 points)
 - Leadership (up to 5 points)
- Community Engagement and Leadership in **non**-academic related environments (for example volunteering, work, civic groups) (10 points possible)
 - Participation (up to 5 points)
 - Leadership (up to 5 points)
- Format (5 points possible)
 - Clear and organized headings and sections (5 points)

2) Essays (Points possible = 35)

- Essay Content (30 points possible)
 - Answers essay prompts.

- Demonstrates understanding of the role of pharmacists and patient-centered, community-oriented care.
- Goals and vision are aligned with the goals of the program.
- Clarity of writing (5 points possible)
 - Essay is clear and concise
 - Sentences flow smoothly and are easily understood

3) Recommendation letters (Points possible = 10)

- Describes applicant's potential for success in pharmacy with no concerns (5 points for each letter)