

American Association of  
Colleges of Pharmacy **AAACP**



**2022 CVS Health  
Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students**

*Program Information and  
Application Instructions*

*Deadline: July 1, 2022, at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time*

## Table of Contents

<b>The Program.....</b>	<b>3</b>
Description .....	3
Goal of the Program .....	3
Eligibility Requirements.....	3
Scholarship Notification .....	4
Scholarships Payments .....	4
<b>Application Instructions .....</b>	<b>4</b>
Application Deadline.....	4
Application Basics.....	4
Application Sections .....	5
<b>Task 1: Applicant Information.....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Task 2: Race/Ethnicity Information.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Task 3: GPA Verification Upload .....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Task 4: Applicant Resume Upload.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Task 5: Applicant Essay .....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Task 6: Recommender Profiles.....</b>	<b>7</b>
<b>Task 7: Invite Recommenders.....</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Task 8: Applicant Certification.....</b>	<b>8</b>
Submitting Your Application.....	9
<b>Application Review.....</b>	<b>10</b>
Review Overview .....	10
Review Criteria .....	10
Resume (weight factor = 25).....	10
Scholarship Essay (weight factor = 35).....	10
Faculty Recommendation (weight factor = 20) .....	10
Pharmacist Recommendation (weight factor = 20) .....	10

# 2022 CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students

## The Program

### Description

The CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students will be awarded to five outstanding underrepresented minority (URM) students who have been accepted into a Doctor of Pharmacy (PharmD) program for the 2022-2023 academic year OR were enrolled in their first (P1) year of the professional phase of the PharmD degree program during the 2021-2022 academic year. URM pharmacy students are identified as black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Selected awardees must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the profession of pharmacy and patient care. Each awardee will receive a **single \$8,000 scholarship**.

### Goal of the Program

The American Association of Colleges of Pharmacy (AACP) and CVS Health are committed to fostering an inclusive community and promoting diversity of thought, background, perspective, and experience to advance pharmacy education and improve patient health. This scholarship is intended to promote and support a diverse population of student pharmacists who will care for an increasingly diverse population of patients as part of a health care team.

The CVS Health Minority Scholarship for Pharmacy Students will support the financial need of URM students who are entering into or recently enrolled in PharmD programs at AACP member institutions. The purpose of the scholarship is to reduce the financial barriers and challenges for URM students who are pursuing a PharmD degree.

### Eligibility Requirements

Qualified applicants must meet the following requirements:

- Accepted applicants must be accepted into a PharmD program for the 2022-2023 academic year OR be enrolled as a first year (P1) PharmD student during the 2021-2022 academic year at an ACPE pre-candidate, candidate, or accredited AACP member institution.
- NOTE: Students who are enrolled in a 0-6 program are eligible for consideration if they meet the following criteria: a P2 (out of P6) student or a P3 (out of P6) student during the 2021-2022 academic year.
- Student must be a URM student. AACP identifies URM individuals in pharmacy as black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander students who are U.S. citizens or permanent residents.
- Student must demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the pharmacy profession and patient care.

- GPA for current degree program must be 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale. Applicants from schools with other grading systems are still eligible to apply for the scholarship. Refer to Task 1 of the Application Sections below.
- Student must submit a completed application by the deadline.
- If a scholarship is awarded to an accepted (not yet enrolled) pharmacy student, the award will be granted to the institution after the individual has started classes in the PharmD program. These students will be ineligible to apply for this scholarship again in the future.

## Scholarship Notification

1. Completed applications will be reviewed by September 1, 2022.
2. Scholarship recipients will be notified by September 15, 2022
3. Funds will be forwarded to the student's institution on or shortly after the start of class for **Fall 2022**.
4. Additional information will be requested from awardees (e.g., photo) by October 1, 2022.
5. AACP will announce the scholarship recipients on the *AACP* and *Pharmacy Is Right for Me* websites and social media in Fall 2022.

## Scholarships Payments

A single scholarship in the amount of \$8,000 each will be awarded to **five (5)** outstanding URM students accepted into OR currently enrolled in their first (P1) year of the professional phase of the PharmD program at the time of submission.

AACP will pay the scholarship funds for each awardee directly to the pharmacy college or school where the student has been accepted or is currently enrolled. Funds will be dispersed in fall 2022 after the 2022-2023 academic year begins. Each institution will exclusively apply the scholarship funds to the awardee's tuition and/or fees.

---

## Application Instructions

### Application Deadline

---

Applications are due by July 1, 2022 at 11:59 p.m. Hawaii Time

---

### Application Basics

Access the scholarship application online at:

<https://www.abstractscorecard.com/cfp/submit/login.asp?EventKey=DDSVMGVZ>

- **Create Account**
  - Select the Join Now button under New Users to begin your application.
- **Account Profile**
  - Enter your contact information.
  - Under the professional information header, enter your position as "student" and enter your institution and credentials, if any (e.g., BS).

- Type an access key (password) that you will use to access your submission information in the future. The access key must be at least 8 characters long and contain a character from three of the following character sets: uppercase letter, lowercase letter, number, or non-alphanumeric character.
- Click Create Account.
- **Privacy Notice**
  - Review the standard privacy notice.
  - Check the Consent box and type your name into the e-signature line.
  - Click the Continue button.
- **Application Home Screen**
  - Carefully read the instructions.
  - Scroll down to the Click here to begin a new application.

 [Click here to begin a new application](#)

- **Start a New Application**
  - Enter your first and last name exactly as entered on the Account Profile page.
  - Click Submit.

## Application Sections

Please click on each task to enter the requested information. Once completed, the task will then appear with a large green check mark. After you have completed all of the tasks below, select "Save Application."

### Task 1: Applicant Information

The following fields are included in this section:

- **Current Street Address**
- **Email**
- **Preferred Phone Number**
- **Gender**
- **Residency**
  - Only US citizens and Permanent US Residents are eligible.
- **College or School of Pharmacy**
  - If you are an incoming pharmacy student and have not yet selected a program, please choose "Undecided".
- **Academic Status**
  - Scholarship applicants must be either (1) accepted into a PharmD program for the 2022 entering class OR (2) enrolled as a P1 PharmD student for the 2021 entering class.
  - NOTE: Students enrolled in a 0-6 PharmD program as a P2 (out of P6) or a P3 (out of P6) student during the 2021-2022 academic year are also eligible.
- **Languages**
  - Please list all languages in which you are conversationally fluent.
- **Educational or Environmental Disadvantaged Status (Optional)**
  - Check if any of the following apply to you. By designating any of the items below, you are considered to be educationally and/or environmentally disadvantaged. This information will be used for aggregate reporting purposes only and not considered in the application review process.
    - I graduated from a high school from which a low percentage of seniors receive a high school diploma.

- I graduated from a high school at which many of the enrolled students are eligible for free or reduced price lunches.
- I am from a family that receives public assistance (e.g. Aid to Families with Dependent Children, food stamps, Medicaid, public housing) or I receive public assistance.
- I am from a family that lives in an area that is designated as a Health Professional Shortage Area or a Medically Underserved Area.
- I participated in an academic enrichment program funded in whole or in part by the Health Careers Opportunity Program.
- I am from a school district where 50% or less of graduates go to college or where college education is not encouraged.
- I am the first generation in my family to attend college (neither my mother nor my father attended college).
- English is not my primary language.
- **Economic Disadvantaged Status (Optional)**
  - Does your parent's family income fall within the table's guidelines for economically disadvantaged?
  - This information will be used for aggregate reporting purposes only and not considered in the application review process.
  - View the [low-income level table](#) on the PharmCAS fee waiver page to determine if you are considered economically disadvantaged.
- **GPA for Undergraduate or PharmD Program to Date**
  - Enter your GPA in the "X.XX" format (e.g., 3.50).
  - Enter your GPA for your current degree program (undergraduate or PharmD).
  - To be eligible for consideration, GPA must be 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 scale.
  - Please enter "N/A" 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](mailto:scholarships@aacp.org), if this situation applies to you.

### Task 2: Race/Ethnicity Information

This scholarship is intended to support URM students in pharmacy education, identified as U.S. citizens or permanent residents who are black or African American, Hispanic or Latino, American Indian, Native Hawaiian, and/or Pacific Islander. Identify the groups in which you consider yourself to be a member.

### Task 3: GPA Verification Upload

Upload an unofficial copy of your most recent transcript as a single PDF. To be eligible for consideration, GPA must be 3.0 or greater on a 4.0 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](mailto:scholarships@aacp.org), if you have additional questions regarding the GPA verification process.

### Task 4: Applicant Resume Upload

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.

- Limit resume to no more than 2 pages.
- 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 in organizations and/or leadership roles.

### **Task 5: Applicant Essay**

Describe how your life experiences as a minority student influenced your decision to pursue a pharmacy career. Select one aspect of your background or one characteristic about yourself and describe how it will contribute to your success in pharmacy and the well-being of future patients.

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 750 words.

### **Task 6: Recommender Profiles**

Two recommendations are required for the scholarship application. Each recommender should be able to describe your attributes and how you will contribute to a successful career in pharmacy. Contact each recommender in advance, so they know to expect an email from this program.

- **Recommendation #1: Faculty Member**
  - Invite a faculty member to submit a recommendation on your behalf.
  - Pharmacy and science faculty are preferred.
  - Recommendations from non-teaching faculty and academic advisors are also acceptable.
- **Recommendation #2: Pharmacist**
  - Invite a pharmacist (preferred), pharmacy scientist, pharmacy researcher, pharmacy school faculty member, or other healthcare professional or educator to submit a letter on your behalf.
- **Add a Recommender:**
  - Enter the recommender's first name, last name, and email address.
  - Click the 'Add Recommender' button.
- **Invite Each Recommender:**
  - Click the "Invite" button for each recommender, once the profiles are complete.
  - Recommenders will then receive an automated email prompting them to complete a recommendation on your behalf.
  - See also the "Invite Recommender" section for status information.
- **Check the Status of a Recommender:**
  - You will receive a confirmation email when a recommender completes the Recommender Profile or submits a Recommendation.
  - See also the Invite Recommender section for status information.
- **Save and Submit your Application:**
  - Once each recommender completes the profile and recommendation, you must log back into your application to save and submit.

## Task 7: Invite Recommenders

If not already done, click on the 'Invite' button next to your recommender's name. Once done, the recommender should receive an automated email with a custom link to the online recommendation form.

### Recommender List

You must have 2 recommenders

1 John Doe  
Profile completed ✓

Role: Pharmacist

Edit John Doe's Profile

Invite John Doe

Remove John Doe

- Instruct your recommender to watch for an email from **doNotReply@ConferenceAbstracts.com**.
- If the recommender does not receive the email, advise them to check their junk and spam email folders.
- Please allow your recommenders adequate time to complete the recommendation form before you re-invite them.
- Login and revisit this section to view the latest invite date and check on the status of your recommendations.

Once your recommenders have completed the recommendation form, you must click 'Complete Task' button on the Invite Recommenders screen.

## Task 8: Applicant Certification

*Please read and sign below.*









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

- Please indicate your agreement by typing in your full name in the space provided.
- Click Submit Agreement.



## Submitting Your Application

Once each section of your application features a green check mark, you are ready to save and submit your application.

-  **1. Applicant Information**  
Completed Tuesday, March 15, 2022, 10:38 AM  
Please answer the following questions.
-  **2. Race and Ethnicity**  
Completed Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:43 AM  
Please answer the following questions.
-  **3. GPA Verification Upload**  
Completed Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:43 AM  
Click here to upload a document for your GPA verification.
-  **4. Applicant Resume Upload**  
Completed Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:43 AM  
Click here to upload your resume.
-  **5. Applicant Essay**  
Completed Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:44 AM  
Click here to enter your essay.
-  **6. Recommender Profiles**  
Completed Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:56 AM  
Click here to identify two recommenders.
-  **7. Invite Recommenders**  
Completed Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:56 AM  
Click here to invite your recommenders.
-  **8. Applicant Certification**  
Completed Wednesday, March 16, 2022, 11:56 AM  
Please click here to sign your acknowledgement.

Be sure to click 'Save Application' at the bottom of your page **and** 'Submit' in the upper right-hand corner of your page. You will receive an automated email once your application is submitted.

Save Application

Submit

# Application Review

## Review Overview

AACP staff will determine that all applications are complete and eligibility requirements have been met, such as GPA standing and student classification level. Once 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 criterion, respectively.

## Review Criteria

AACP and CVS Health will use the following criteria by which all applications will be evaluated. The review team will look for well thought out, organized, articulate, and complete applications, with evidence that awardees demonstrate leadership, academic success, and a commitment to advancing the profession and patient care.

### Resume (weight factor = 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.

- **Academic Engagement and Leadership (10 points possible)**
  - Participation in academic-related activities and clubs (5 points)
  - Leadership roles in academic organizations (5 points)
- **Extracurricular Commitment and Leadership (10 points possible)**
  - Participation in extracurricular activities (5 points)
  - Leadership roles in extracurricular organizations (5 points)
- **Format (5 points possible)**
  - Spelling and grammar, formatting, clear headings and sections (5 points)

### Scholarship Essay (weight factor = 35)

- **Essay Content (30 points possible)**
- **Spelling and Grammar (5 points possible)**

### Faculty Recommendation (weight factor = 20)

- **Evidence of Student's Attributes**
- **Potential for Student's Success in Pharmacy**

### Pharmacist Recommendation (weight factor = 20)

- **Evidence of Student's Attributes**
- **Potential for Student's Success in Pharmacy**