

Family Medicine Cares International (FMCI) Resident Scholarship Overview

Trip Date: February 7–14, 2026

Location: San Pedro de Macoris, Dominican Republic

Application opens: June 1, 2025

Application due date: August 31, 2025

Awards will be announced: October 1, 2025

Description:

One scholarship is available through the AAFP Foundation's David and Karen Smith Humanitarian Fund for up to \$5,000.00 to participate in the February 2026 FMCI delegation trip to the Dominican Republic and present their experiences at the AAFP FUTURE conference in July 2026 or other appropriate venue.

The Family Medicine Cares International (FMCI) Program, developed and funded by the AAFP Foundation seeks to support, enhance, and increase local medical workforce capacity by building and improving healthcare outcomes for vulnerable people in the Dominican Republic through medical education and direct clinical care.

Requirements:

1. Resident candidates must:
 - Be a PGY2 or PGY3 Family Medicine Resident and in good AAFP membership standing at the time of the application deadline.
 - Provide a compelling letter of intent (LOI). This letter may be shared with the sponsoring donor if chosen.
 - Provide a copy of their CV (Resume).
 - Address what the FMCI scholarship would do for their interest in global health and/or the impact on their education.
 - Submit a letter of recommendation from their program director stating their support of the trip and the impact the resident will make if chosen.
 - Be eligible to present and share their experiences during the AAFP's FUTURE (formerly National Conference for Family Medicine Residents and Medical Students) conference in July 2026 or other appropriate venue.
 - If awarded, residents will be matched under the direct supervision of another family physician member of the FMCI patient care team.
2. All Candidates should:
 - Demonstrate an interest in international family medicine, international travel and/or involvement in humanitarian initiatives.
 - Have good communication/writing skills, as demonstrated in his/her

- cover letter.
 - Demonstrate leadership skills.
 - Be able to lift heavy objects and be in good physical condition for travel and volunteering during the trip.
3. The selected scholar must write a thank you post trip to their sponsoring donors David and Karen Smith. David R. Smith, MD, is a retired family physician who has served on the AAFP Foundation Board of Trustees and contributed his time, talents, and resources to the philanthropic work of the AAFP Foundation. Along with his wife, Karen Smith, Dr. Smith has demonstrated a deep passion for humanitarian work and its lasting impact not only to those served but to those privileged to participate.
4. **The deadline to apply is August 31, 2025.** Documents required:
- a. Completed electronic FMCI Scholarship Application.
<https://aafp.secure-platform.com/a/solicitations/375/home>
 - b. Letter of Intent as described above.
 - c. Letter of support as described above.
 - d. A copy of your CV (resume).

Selection Process:

The selection process will consist of the following actions:

- 1. The candidate's materials will be submitted to the FMCI Scholarship review committee for final selection.
- 2. Each application will be reviewed by a minimum of three reviewers.
- 3. Reviewers will recuse themselves if there is a potential conflict of interest or lack of impartiality.
- 4. The awardee will be notified by October 1, 2025.

If selected, you may be expected to provide our Dominican Republic logistics partner (One World Surgery) the following:

- a. A copy of your current medical license
- b. A copy of your medical degree
- c. A copy of your CV (resume)
- d. A copy of your DEA certificate
- e. A color copy of your Photo ID (Driver's License)
- f. A color copy of your Passport (must be dated 6 months past the date of return from deployment)

For additional information about the FMCI program and the yearly delegation trip, please click [here](#).