



AAMC-GSA Award for Exemplary Service Guidelines

“The purpose of the Group on Student Affairs (GSA) is to advance medical education, and specifically, to represent the interests of medical schools and medical students in the areas of admissions, student affairs, financial aid, student diversity, and student records. The function of the GSA is to provide a means of communication among, and to facilitate interaction of the AAMC on matters of policy relating to the GSA’s areas of interest and expertise and may recommend such policy to the AAMC governance for consideration. GSA activities involve project analysis, program development, and data-gathering about emerging trends to assist GSA and the AAMC to anticipate and respond effectively to environmental changes as they affect medical education, medical schools, and medical students in the area of the GSA’s interest and expertise.”

Description: The AAMC GSA Award for Exemplary Service is presented by the Association of American Medical Colleges – Group on Student Affairs (GSA) to a current or former GSA representative who has demonstrated exemplary service to the GSA.

“Exemplary service” is defined as significant and sustained leadership, expertise, and/or creativity in addressing an issue or issues of importance to the GSA. Nominees for this award shall have demonstrated, in activities appropriate to membership in the GSA, an extraordinary record of accomplishment, collaborative leadership, resourcefulness, dedication, mentoring of GSA colleagues, and commitment to the mission of the GSA. This service can be as a medical school faculty or staff member; a GSA Institutional Representative or GSA Individual member; the chair or a member of a GSA national committee (Admissions, Student Affairs, Student Financial Assistance, Student Records, Student Diversity Affairs); a GSA representative to an AAMC advisory committee (AMCAS, ERAS, Medical Student Performance Evaluation, MCAT, Expanded Medical School Admissions, and so forth); or a GSA regional or national officer.

This award may be presented annually at AAMC Annual Meeting.

Procedure: A call for nominations shall be announced annually at the GSA regional spring meetings or the GSA national spring meeting. Each region will submit a nomination to the Awards Committee. No self-nominations will be considered. Nominations will be submitted to the AAMC GSA Group Leader, by means of a standard nomination form downloadable from the GSA website by the first Friday in June. The nominee’s curriculum vitae must accompany the nomination form. Additionally, nominees not selected may be re-nominated in a future year.

Two semi-finalist nominees for this award shall be selected in late August by the Awards Committee (composed of the Immediate Past GSA Regional Chairs, the COSDA National Chair Elect, and the GSA National Vice Chair, who shall serve as chair). The Award Committee shall forward the names of the two semi-finalists to the GSA Steering Committee for consideration at the Steering Committee’s meeting. The GSA Steering Committee shall select the award recipient.

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