

Student Essay Contest to Attend APTA's Federal Government Affairs Forum

Policy

The Section on Pediatrics will award the cost of one student's attendance at APTA's Federal Government Affairs Forum per year. This award will be in the form of reimbursement for the cost of student travel and 2 days per diem for room and board for attendance at the Forum.

Criteria for Eligibility

Applicants must be current Section on Pediatrics members and students enrolled in an accredited professional physical therapist/physical therapist assistant education program.

Application Process

- The applicants will submit the application form to the Section on Pediatrics Executive Office. The application must be received via electronic mail by the Executive Office by *February 15*.
- The application form includes an essay, 300 words or less, double spaced, describing what the applicant sees as the role of pediatric physical therapy in government affairs issues.
- While attending the Federal Government Affairs Forum, the awardee will shadow the Section's representative at the meeting for mentoring.
- Following the Forum, the awardee will complete a follow-up essay, 300 words or less, describing what he/she enjoyed most about APTA's Federal Government Affairs Forum, what he/she experienced, and what he/she learned about APTA and the Section.
- The awardee will submit proof of attendance, along with original receipts for travel (up to \$450) and lodging and food (up to the current per diem rate of \$250) to the Section on Pediatrics Office at 1111 North Fairfax Street, Alexandria, VA 22314-1488, no later than *May 31* following the Forum.
- The Section on Pediatrics will then mail a reimbursement check for travel and lodging/food costs to the awardee's contact address.
- If the Section on Pediatrics does not receive the awardees' follow-up essay by *May 31*, the awardees forfeits the award.

**Section on Pediatrics, APTA
Student Essay Application for
APTA's Federal Government Affairs Forum Funding**

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
APTA Membership Number:	
Educational Program of Study: (Please provide name of program and if it is a PT or PTA program)	
Anticipated Graduation Date:	

Please submit an essay, 300 words or less, double spaced, describing what you see as the role of the pediatric physical therapist in government affairs issues:

Send completed application and essay to peditrics@apta.org with the subject line: Section on Pediatrics Student Essay Federal Government Affairs Forum Funding Award no later than FEBRUARY 15.

**Section on Pediatrics, APTA
Student CSM Follow-up Essay for
APTA's Federal Government Affairs Forum Funding**

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
APTA Membership Number:	
Educational Program of Study: (Please provide name of program and if it is a PT or PTA program)	
Anticipated Graduation Date:	

Please submit an essay, 300 words or less, double spaced, describing what you enjoyed most about APTA's Federal Government Affairs Forum, what you experienced, and what you learned about APTA and the section that you did not know before attending:

Send completed follow-up essay pediatrics@apta.org with the subject line: Section on Pediatrics Student Essay FGAF Funding - Forum Follow-up no later than MAY 31.