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**WINN AND THE AAFP TO OFFER NEW JOINT SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2016**

**Wyckoff, NJ, Hillsborough, NJ, January 12, 2016:** Winn Feline Foundation (Winn) and the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) are pleased to announce a new joint scholarship for a third or fourth year veterinary student enrolled in an accredited veterinary college or school in the United States or Canada. The \$2,500 award will be based upon academic achievement, financial need, leadership, and dedication to and excellence in the study of feline medicine, health and welfare.

The Boards of Directors of both the AAFP and Winn enthusiastically approved the collaboration of these two leading feline-dedicated organizations in developing and implementing this joint scholarship.

All applications will be reviewed, selected, and approved by the AAFP and Winn. In addition to a short application form, interested students will also be required to answer two essay questions asking for the applicant to explain his/her specific interest and background in feline health and welfare, and to describe plans for future participation in feline medicine.

All completed applications with accompanying supplementary documents must be received **no later than March 18, 2016**. The winning recipient will be notified of their award on or before April 15th, 2016.

Applications and instructions are available shortly on each organization's websites:

[www.winnfelinefoundation.org/partners/affiliations](http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org/partners/affiliations)

[www.catvets.com/members/students/](http://www.catvets.com/members/students/)

The AAFP has additional new resources housed in the Student Center on their website, including their Toolkit for Veterinary Students (<http://bit.ly/1SxP6gR>). The toolkit contains materials for veterinary students to embrace a feline perspective and obtain further knowledge about the standards needed to elevate care for cats. Winn also has a number of various educational resources on their website and information regarding research grant awards.

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## About Winn Feline Foundation

Winn Feline Foundation is a non-profit organization established in 1968 that supports studies to improve cat health. Since 1968, Winn Feline Foundation has funded over \$5.4 million in health research for cats at more than 30 partner institutions world-wide. This funding is made possible through the support of dedicated donors and partners. Research supported by Winn Feline Foundation helps veterinarians by providing educational resources that improve treatment of common feline health problems and prevent many diseases. Grants are awarded twice yearly with the help of the foundation's expert review panel. For further information, go to [www.winnfelinefoundation.org](http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org).

## About the American Association of Feline Practitioners

The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) improves the health and welfare of cats by supporting high standards of practice, continuing education and scientific investigation. The AAFP has a long-standing reputation and track record in the veterinary community for facilitating high standards of practice and publishes guidelines for practice excellence which are available to veterinarians at the AAFP website. Over the years, the AAFP has encouraged veterinarians to continuously re-evaluate preconceived notions of practice strategies in an effort to advance the quality of feline medicine practiced. The Cat Friendly Practice program is the newest effort created to improve the treatment, handling, and overall healthcare provided to cats. Its purpose is to equip veterinary practices with the tools, resources, and information to elevate the standard of care provided to cats. Find more information at [www.catvets.com](http://www.catvets.com).

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