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**EveryCat Health Foundation and the AAFP Continue Partnership to Offer Scholarships for 2022**

**[Wyckoff, NJ; Bridgewater, NJ; January 28, 2022]** EveryCat Health Foundation and the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) are pleased to announce two \$2500 scholarships for third- or fourth-year veterinary students enrolled in accredited veterinary colleges or schools in the United States or Canada. The scholarships were created to support and encourage students who show exceptional effort and dedication in elevating feline care and are awarded based upon academic achievement, financial need, leadership, and excellence in the study of feline medicine.

“For six years, our organizations have offered \$2500 scholarships to veterinary students with an interest in feline medicine or clinical scientific research,” said Jackie Jaakola, Executive Director, EveryCat Health Foundation. “We are thrilled to partner with the AAFP again to provide these two scholarships to future veterinarians.”

To apply, students will need to submit a short application form, which is conveniently available on both [EveryCat Health Foundation](#) and [AAFP](#) websites. Students will also be required to answer two essay questions that describe their specific interests and background in feline health and welfare, as well as their goals in pursuing feline medicine. The scholarship applications will be reviewed, selected, and approved by EveryCat Health Foundation and the AAFP.

The applications and supplementary documents must be received no later than **March 19, 2022**. The two winning recipients will be notified of their award on or before **April 25, 2022**.

“We recognize the important role veterinary students play in elevating feline medicine,” added Heather O’Steen, CEO, the AAFP. “It is vitally important to provide our future feline veterinarians with the resources and support needed to improve the veterinary experience for cat caregivers and veterinary staff alike.”

Students are encouraged to take advantage of additional resources the AAFP has on its [website](#) including the Toolkit for Veterinary Students which is an intuitive resource map that outlines many of the AAFP's key publications and supplemental materials. EveryCat Health Foundation also has a number of educational resources available on their [website](#) and information regarding research grant awards.

The applications and instructions are available on the [EveryCat Health Foundation](#) and [AAFP](#) websites.

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### **About EveryCat Health Foundation**

EveryCat Health Foundation is the world's only nonprofit focused solely on funding feline health studies. Nearly 200 million cats bring joy to their companions across the world. Though cat ownership keeps growing, feline health research remains underfunded compared to many other animals. Since 1968, EveryCat Foundation has awarded over \$8 million in grants for groundbreaking cat health research at more than 30 partner institutions worldwide. This funding is made possible through the support of dedicated donors and partners. Research supported by EveryCat Health Foundation helps veterinarians by providing educational resources that improve treatment of common feline health problems and prevent many diseases. Grants are reviewed and awarded with the help of the foundation's expert Scientific Review Committee. For further information, visit [www.everycat.org](http://www.everycat.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 evidence-based medicine ([catvets.com](http://catvets.com)). As a trusted leader in the veterinary community, the AAFP has a long-standing reputation and track record for facilitating high standards, including guidelines for practice excellence and educational resources. Over the years, the AAFP has encouraged veterinary professionals to continuously re-evaluate preconceived notions of practice strategies in an effort to advance the quality of feline medicine practiced. Launched in 2012, the [Cat Friendly Practice](#)<sup>®</sup> (CFP) Program ([catvets.com/cfp](http://catvets.com/cfp)) was created to improve the treatment, handling, and overall healthcare provided to cats. Its purpose is to equip veterinary practices, teams, and individuals with the tools and resources to reduce stress associated with the visit and elevate the standard of care provided to cats. Launched in 2020, the [Cat Friendly Certificate Program](#) ([catvets.com/certificate](http://catvets.com/certificate)) now provides this education to individual veterinary professionals. [Catfriendly.com](http://catfriendly.com), or Cat Friendly Homes, is the AAFP's cat caregiver educational resource which is powered by feline veterinarians and includes a monthly newsletter, The Cat Column.