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## **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **WINN AND THE AAFP OFFER TWO SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2021**

**[Wyckoff, NJ; Bridgewater, NJ; January 25, 2021]** Winn Feline Foundation (Winn) and the American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) are pleased to announce two scholarships for third- or fourth-year veterinary students enrolled in accredited veterinary colleges or schools in the United States or Canada. The two \$2,500 awards are 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 are thrilled to provide these scholarships to support future veterinarians and advance feline medicine. This is the fifth year these two-leading feline-dedicated organizations are offering both a \$2,500 scholarship for a veterinary student with an interest in feline practice and a \$2,500 scholarship for a veterinary student with an interest in clinical scientific research.

All applications will be reviewed, selected, and approved by Winn and the AAFP. 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 describe plans for future participation in feline medicine.

All completed applications with accompanying supplementary documents must be received no later than March 19, 2021. The two winning recipients will be notified of their award on or before April 20, 2021.

Applications and instructions are available 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 resources housed in the Student Center on their website, including their [Toolkit for Veterinary Students](#) ([bit.ly/aafpstudenttoolkit](http://bit.ly/aafpstudenttoolkit)). 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 ([www.winnfelinefoundation.org](http://www.winnfelinefoundation.org)).

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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 \$7.6 million in health research for cats at more than 30 partner institutions worldwide. 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 at least 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) supports its members in improving the health and welfare of cats through high standards of practice, continuing education, and evidence-based medicine. As a trusted leader in the veterinary community, the AAFP has a long-standing reputation and track record for facilitating high standards of practice and providing educational resources to veterinary teams, including guidelines for practice excellence and an annual conference. 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. Launched in 2012, the Cat Friendly Practice® (CFP) program ([catvets.com/cfp/veterinary-professionals](http://catvets.com/cfp/veterinary-professionals)) was created to improve the treatment, handling, and overall healthcare provided to cats. Its purpose is to reduce the stress of the veterinary visit for cats, caregivers, and the veterinary team and provide veterinary practices with the tools and resources to elevate the standard of care provided to cats. With the belief that cat caregivers are instrumental to feline health and welfare, the AAFP launched [catfriendly.com](http://catfriendly.com), a consumer-focused reliable educational resource powered by feline veterinarians branded Cat Friendly Homes. This educational resource is tailored to the needs of cat caregivers who want to provide the very best care for their cat and is accompanied by a monthly newsletter, The Cat Column, as well as educational content on Facebook and Instagram.