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The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) and Merck Animal Health Announce Scholarships for Academic Excellence in Feline Healthcare

[Bridgewater, NJ; May 26, 2022] [The American Association of Feline Practitioners](#) (AAFP) and Merck Animal Health are pleased to announce [three \\$5,000 scholarships](#) for second and third-year veterinary students dedicated to feline medicine. Applicants must be enrolled and in good standing at an AVMA-accredited school of veterinary medicine and demonstrate a clear passion for feline medicine.

“We are thrilled to partner with Merck Animal Health and for the chance to support and engage with students who are passionate about the wellbeing of cats,” said Heather O’Steen, CEO of the AAFP. “These scholarships will assist students with their veterinary school expenses and encourage their continued dedication to feline health.”

Applicants will need to submit a resume/CV, transcript, and the name of a faculty member or AAFP Member to serve as a reference. They will also answer three essay questions regarding their specific interests in feline health and wellbeing, their long-term goals in pursuing feline medicine, and leadership skills and experience. The scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, leadership, and a commitment to feline medicine and wellbeing.

The application and supplementary documents must be received no later than June 30, 2022. The three recipients selected for the scholarships will be notified by July 30, 2022. Scholarship winners will be announced in a press release and AAFP Member communications.

The AAFP offers additional resources specifically for students in its [Student Center](#), including a directory of externships, complimentary access to webinars, an exclusive student-only newsletter (AAFP Student Connection), and a FREE Toolkit that outlines the latest feline resources from the AAFP.

Students interested in the scholarship can apply on the [AAFP website](#).

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About the American Association of Feline Practitioners

The American Association of Feline Practitioners (AAFP) supports its members and improves the health and welfare of cats by supporting high standards of practice, continuing education, and evidence-based medicine (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® (CFP) Program (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) 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.