



2026 EveryCat Health Foundation/FelineVMA Scholarships

EveryCat Health Foundation and the Feline Veterinary Medical Association (FelineVMA) will award two \$5,000 scholarships to 3rd- or 4th-year students attending an accredited college of veterinary medicine in the United States or Canada. Students are encouraged to consider both traditional and non-traditional careers as they move forward in their education to understand the many options the veterinary profession offers in feline medicine. These career interests include one \$5,000 scholarship for a veterinary student with a feline practice interest and a \$5,000 scholarship for a veterinary student with a clinical scientific research interest. In addition, the FelineVMA will offer complimentary registration for both recipients to the 2026 FelineVMA Annual Conference, including the Pre-conference Day, and EveryCat will offer a stipend up to \$500 for each recipient toward travel costs. The stipend would only be paid after verification of attendance at the full conference and the submission of travel receipts. Recipients who attend the Conference will be asked to provide a written reflection of their experience and the value it provided toward their future in feline health.

Selection Process

Scholarship awards will be given based on the following priorities:

- The scholarship recipients shall be selected based upon academic achievement, financial need, leadership, and dedication to and excellence in the study of feline medicine.
- Students must complete 2 one-paragraph statements (150 words or less for each question) explaining their interest in feline health and wellbeing and their plans for future participation in feline medicine.

All applications will be reviewed, selected, and approved by EveryCat Health Foundation and the FelineVMA. The scholarship recipients will be required to provide a high resolution photograph (preferably with a feline member of the family) and additional information related to their interest in cats to be used in a press release.

Application Deadline

All applications and supporting documents must be received by 11:59 pm on Sunday, March 22, 2026.

Scholarship Distribution

Recipients will be notified of the awards on or before May 1 of the application year, and checks for each of the two scholarship amounts will be issued. Students may apply once annually.

Procedure for Application Process:

1. Complete the application and attach a single-page resume to your completed application. Items to include on the resume are honors, memberships, volunteer activities, employment information, clinical trials or research projects, and publications, if any in feline medicine. Please note the organization name, city, state/province, country, and dates of activity. Applications must be submitted as either a PDF or Word doc format (images or scanned documents will NOT be accepted).
2. Attach your response to two questions (see final page of this document):
 - a. Why do you have an interest in feline health and wellbeing?
 - b. What are your plans for future participation in feline medicine?
3. Email Completed Application with attachments to:
EveryCat Education and Outreach Specialist, Virginia Rud — vrud@everycat.org



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 \$12 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 everycat.org.

About the Feline Veterinary Medical Association (FelineVMA)

The Feline Veterinary Medical Association (FelineVMA) supports its members in improving the health and wellbeing of cats through high standards of practice, continuing education, and evidence-based medicine. Comprised of all veterinary professionals who work with cats, the FelineVMA has a rich history and a proven track record of increasing the standard of care for cats. This is achieved through the development of practice guidelines, feline-specific education and resources, and caregiver support. Home to the Cat Friendly Practice® and Cat Friendly Certificate Programs, the FelineVMA encourages veterinary professionals to re-evaluate practice strategies in an effort to advance the quality of feline medicine.

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Responses for all application parts must be submitted as either a PDF or Word doc format; images or scanned documents will NOT be accepted.

Part I: To be completed by the applicant.

First Name: _____ Middle Initial: _____ Last Name: _____

☐ 3rd year student ☐ 4th year student Expected date of graduation: _____

Are you a Member of your school's FelineVMA Student Chapter? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, please indicate if you hold/have held a leadership position in the Chapter: _____

Have you completed the FelineVMA Cat Friendly Certificate Program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Current Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

School Email: _____ Personal Email: _____

Phone Number (home): _____ Phone Number (school): _____

Mobile Phone Number: _____

Permanent Address (if different from current): _____

City: _____ State/Province: _____ ZIP/Postal Code: _____

If I were to be chosen, please send the scholarship check to: ☐ Current Address ☐ Permanent Address

Current Financial Debt: _____ Final Anticipated Financial Debt: _____

☐ I allow the FelineVMA and EveryCat Health Foundation to contact me via email or mail to make me aware of select awards, products, and services.

Part II: To be completed by a college official below, or supplied as a separate document or image.

Name of School: _____

Address, City, State/Province: _____

Grade Point Average: _____ Class Rank (# of students): _____

Name/Title of College Representative/Official: _____

By signing this, I am assuring that the student in Part I is enrolled at our institution as a veterinary student in good standing.

Signature of Official: _____ Date: _____

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Part III: To be completed by the applicant. Please limit each response to 150 words.

1. What is your interest in feline health and wellbeing, and why do you feel you are deserving of this scholarship? (150 words or less)

2. What are your plans for future participation in feline medicine? Include your anticipated career choice (e.g., research, shelter medicine, private practice, post-graduate study or specialization, education, etc.) and anticipated future place of employment. (150 words or less)

In making this application for scholarship, I understand the scholarship will be awarded for one year without regard to race, national origin, religion, sex, age, handicap, or veteran status. Further, I understand qualifications for receiving a scholarship include that I be a student in good standing at an accredited veterinary college or university in the United States or Canada. If I wish to be considered for a scholarship in subsequent years, I must reapply. I certify that all the information provided is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Student's Signature: _____ Date: _____