



Hillsborough County Medical Association  
Cherry Bekaert  
2018 Scholarship  
Matched by  
Hillsborough County Medical Association Foundation

TO: Applicants for the 2018 Hillsborough County Medical Association/Cherry Bekaert Scholarship

FROM: Fred Bearison, M.D., President, Hillsborough County Medical Association

**Background**

Attached is the application for the 2018 Hillsborough County Medical Association/Cherry Bekaert Scholarship. This scholarship is targeted to medical students who demonstrate a commitment to organized medicine and public health initiatives, and is based on financial need and academic achievement. One \$1,500 scholarship will be awarded to a successful candidate from the University of South Florida (USF) Morsani College of Medicine.

This scholarship was established in 1979 in the memory of Rex Meighen of Rex Meighen & Company. When Cherry, Bekaert & Holland acquired Rex Meighen & Company in January 2005, the scholarship continued. A deserving USF medical student has received this annual scholarship for 36 years.

In addition, the HCMA Foundation Board has agreed to match the 2018 scholarship. Two checks, totaling \$3,000, will be presented to either one or two scholarship recipient/s at the February 13, 2018 Membership Dinner Meeting to be held at The Westshore Grand, located at 4860 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33609.

**Eligibility**

- Applicant must be a second, third, or fourth year medical student.
- Applicant must be a United States Citizen.
- Applicant must have been a member of the Florida Medical Association and the Hillsborough County Medical Association for a minimum of one year and agree to maintain those memberships through the duration of enrollment in the USF Morsani College of Medicine.
- Applicant must be currently enrolled full time at the USF Morsani College of Medicine.
- Applicant must submit a recommendation from the Dean (or Dean's representative) of the USF Morsani College of Medicine.
- Applicant must submit an official copy of his/her most current transcript.
- Applicant must demonstrate personal motivation for excellence in academic achievement, and personal integrity and character, as exemplified by leadership, community involvement, public health initiatives and concern for others.

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- Attendance at the Annual or Interim Meeting(s) of the American Medical Association or Annual Meeting of the Florida Medical Association will be a strong consideration.

Recipient/s must attend the February 13, 2018, Hillsborough County Medical Association Membership Dinner Meeting, at The Westshore Grand, to accept the scholarship.

### **Application Process**

Please complete the application and submit, along with any relevant information (see checklist below), **no later than January 20, 2018** to:

Debbie Zorian, Executive Director  
HCMA  
606 South Boulevard  
Tampa, FL 33606

*Questions: Call Debbie Zorian at 813.253.0471 or [dzorian@hcma.net](mailto:dzorian@hcma.net)*

### **Application Checklist**

- \_\_\_ 1. Completed and signed application form
- \_\_\_ 2. Official copy current transcript
- \_\_\_ 3. Verification of FMA and HCMA memberships
- \_\_\_ 4. Recommendation letter from the Dean or Dean's representative