

Scholarship Overview:

The Dr. Alvin Ring Empowerment Scholarship for Laboratory Professionals, established through the American Society for Clinical Pathology (ASCP), aims to provide financial aid to those pursuing higher education in the medical laboratory sciences. Scholarships range from \$1,000-\$5,000 depending on applicant qualifications and degree program pursued. Scholarship aid may be used toward certification fees, direct academic tuition, or needs-based expenses to support the student's academic career.

PLEASE HAVE ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS SUBMITTED BY 4PM CST ON FRIDAY, MAY 30TH, 2025.

We highly recommend you review the entire application and draft your responses to the personal statement prompts in a Word Document prior to submitting your application, as the application software will NOT save partially completed forms.

Click [HERE](#) to see the complete application template.

As a part of the application, you will be asked to **UPLOAD** a letter of recommendation from a current academic or professional supervisor. If you are unsure whether your letter writer may qualify for this role, please review the Letter of Recommendation section in the FAQs document.

This award is a one-time offer, and awarded recipients will not be guaranteed subsequent funding should they decide to re-apply in future years.

Application Timeline:

Application Open: Monday, March 3rd, 2025 to Friday May 30, 2025 (by 4PM CST)

Recipients Notified via Email: Friday, August 1, 2025

Scholarships Distributed: Friday, August 15, 2025

Pre-Requisites:

This scholarship is looking for students from medically-underserved and/or rural areas, seeking to serve medically-underserved communities with their education. If you are unsure of whether your area of residence qualifies as medically-underserved, this tool can help: <https://data.hrsa.gov/tools/shortage-area/mua-find>

Please note: Candidates must be US Citizens to apply.

Candidates must be in good academic standing and/or show commitment to staying in the laboratory profession, as demonstrated by their academic or professional reference letter.

Candidates must also fit one of the following categories:

1. Current high school students starting in a NAACLS-accredited program in Phlebotomy (PBT), Medical Laboratory Assistant (MLA), Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT), Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), or Histotechnology (HTL) by August 31 2025.
2. Current laboratory science students in a NAACLS-accredited program in Phlebotomy (PBT), Medical

Laboratory Assistant (MLA), Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT), Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), or Histotechnology (HTL).

3. Currently an active student in a non-laboratory science field, but starting in a NAACLS-accredited program in Phlebotomy (PBT), Medical Laboratory Assistant (MLA), Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT), Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), or Histotechnology (HTL) by August 31 2025.

4. Currently a working professional (not an active student), but starting in a NAACLS-accredited program in Phlebotomy (PBT), Medical Laboratory Assistant (MLA), Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT), Medical Laboratory Science (MLS), or Histotechnology (HTL) by August 31 2025.

Please note that Masters and Doctoral program applicants are not eligible for this opportunity.

Award Issuing Terms:

All scholarship recipients are encouraged to enroll as a member of ASCP. [ASCP student membership](#) is free of cost.

This scholarship opportunity will be made possible, in part, by Cooperative Agreement number NU470E000107 from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Scholarship opportunity administration and selection of candidates are the sole responsibility of the American Society for Clinical Pathology, and do not necessarily represent the official views of the CDC. Recipients of CDC-funded scholarship awards will be asked to sign a contract in which they agree to the following:

1. Create a [CDC OneLab REACH account](#) to join the CDC OneLab Network and access free training materials for laboratory professionals through CDC's learning management system, OneLab REACH.
2. Complete two CDC OneLab REACH courses of their choosing within the scholarship award year and submit certificates of completion to grants@ascp.org.
3. Complete and submit follow-up surveys from ASCP about their professional journey and career path for 5 years following the award year, and respond to requests for quotes, interviews, or testimonials from ASCP.
4. Proof of enrollment into the laboratory science program supported through this scholarship will be required prior to scholarship awards being distributed. If this is not yet available, proof of application submission into the laboratory science program will be accepted, with the understanding that proof of enrollment should be shared (when available).
5. Provide proof of good academic standing at the time of scholarship fund distribution.
6. Agree not to purchase ASCP products or services using scholarship funds.

Contact Information

First Name

Last Name

Email

Phone Number

ZIP Code

City

County

State

Demographic Information

What is your age?

What is your gender?

What is your race ethnicity?

If you identify with more than one race or ethnicity, please list the other(s) here.

If you selected "Other Race or Ethnicity", please specify here.

Candidate Information

Please select your current status as a laboratory scientist.

Please select which category best represents your status as a laboratory science student..

Please select your highest degree held.

Are you currently an ASCP member?

Please indicate what you mainly intend to use the scholarship funds for.

Are you currently an United States citizen?

Education Information

Institution Name

Institution City

Institution State

Institution's Laboratory Science Training Program Website URL (if available)

Program Start Month/Year

Anticipated Program Completion Month/Year

Employer Information

Company Name

Company URL

Company ZIP Code

Company City/State

Position Title

Start Month/Year

Supervisor Name

Supervisor Phone Number

Resume/CV



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The following four questions are prompts for the personal statement portion of this application. Please complete all three prompts. The word limit for each is 2,000 words. For any questions regarding your personal statement prompts, please refer to the FAQ.

Personal Statement Prompt #1

{respond to prompt #1: please describe your motivations and goals for your career in laboratory medicine}

Personal Statement Prompt #2

{respond to prompt #2: please describe the impact your community has had on your professional motivations}

Personal Statement Prompt #3

{respond to prompt #3: please describe how you expect this scholarship to aid in your professional development}

Personal Statement Prompt #4 (Optional)

optional prompt: please share any other information you would like us to know about your interest in this scholarship}

Recommendation Letter

recommendation letter can be alternatively emailed to ascpfoundation@ascp.org by letter author



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To the best of my knowledge, the information provided in this application is accurate.

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