

Apply today for the Project Firstline Scholarship!

Apply for a scholarship opportunity to continue education and training on infection prevention and control!

The COVID-19 pandemic and subsequent respiratory surge emphasized the importance of proper infection prevention and control (IPC) training and refresher trainings for pediatric health care professionals. To increase the capacity of these individuals to serve as IPC champions within their organizations, the AAP, in partnership with CDC's Project Firstline, is offering a scholarship opportunity to support continued education and training on infection prevention and control.

Scholarship applicants will be **focusing on healthcare workers in a healthcare setting to fulfill the mission of Project Firstline**. Additionally, we encourage submission of abstracts to contribute to IPC education and literature.

For more information on scope of Project Firstline and allowable topics [click here](#).

Who can apply?

Pediatricians, pediatric medical subspecialists, pediatric surgical specialists, advanced practice providers (nurse practitioners and physician assistants), nurses, medical assistants, practice managers and other members of a pediatric health care team.

What scholarship opportunities are available?

1. **Education/Training:** Scholarship recipients will be reimbursed for educational/training course fees, membership fees, and books and resources (ie, Red Book 2021-2024), as applicable. Awardees will be asked to write a post-training report sharing learnings and key takeaways. Awardees may also be asked to present these learnings at a Project Firstline meeting. To view examples of education/training please refer to page 2.
2. **Attend a relevant conference or meeting to present an oral or poster abstract:** Up to \$1,000 will be provided to offset the cost of conference registrations/fees, travel, housing, food, etc. Awardees will be asked to write a post-conference report sharing conference learnings and key takeaways. Awardees may also be asked to present these learnings at a Project Firstline meeting.

For conferences where abstract deadlines have passed or your submitted abstract is not accepted, you may still be awarded the scholarship to support conference participation as long as the conference falls within the Project Firstline scope.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Request for application opens: **October 1, 2023**
- Anticipated award notification: AAP will share notice of award with applicants on a **rolling basis** as applications are submitted.
 - For approved and applicable requests, AAP staff will provide a post-conference report deadline with the award notification.
- Deadline for completion: The post training/conference report is due by **May 31, 2024**.

APPLICATION: [Submit your scholarship application here](#). You can download the [full application here](#).

QUESTIONS? For more information or questions, please email AAP at projectfirstline@aap.org

Acceptable education and training opportunities include but are not limited to:

- **Association for Health Care Environment (AHE):**
 - [Essentials of Infection Prevention and Environmental Hygiene](#)
- **Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC):**
 - [APIC Annual Conference \(June 3-5, 2024\)](#)
 - [Infection Prevention and Control Essentials for Ambulatory Care Settings](#)
 - [Infectious Diseases of Interest to the IP](#)
 - [Cleaning, Disinfection, and Sterilization in the Surgical Setting](#)
 - [Long-Term Care Infection Preventionist Essentials](#)
 - [The Fundamentals of Infection Surveillance, Prevention and Control](#)
- **Infectious Diseases Society of America (IDSA):**
 - [Leading teams in times of Crisis](#)
- **Johns Hopkins University**
 - [Healthcare Epidemiology and Infection Prevention and Control Certificate Program](#)
- **Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America (SHEA):**
 - [Annual SHEA Spring Meeting](#)
 - [SHEA/CDC Training Certificate Course in Healthcare Epidemiology Prevention CHKC](#)
 - [Primer on Healthcare Epidemiology, Infection Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship \(SHEA/IDSA\)](#)
- **University of Nevada, Las Vegas**
 - [Certificate in Infection Prevention](#)
- **Other training opportunities include:**
 - [CDC-TRAIN](#)
 - [FEMA](#)
 - [National Emerging Special Pathogens Training and Education Center](#)
 - [Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society](#)
 - [Society of Infectious Disease Pharmacists](#)
 - [World Health Organization](#)