



## HARRIS COUNTY ACADEMY OF FAMILY PHYSICIANS

### Harold T. Pruessner, M.D. Medical Student Scholarship

#### **HISTORY:**

In 1995, the Harris County Academy of Family Physicians (HCAFP), through the TAFP Foundation, established a scholarship in honor of Harold T. Pruessner, M.D. From 2000 through 2003, a Shooting Star Gala fundraising event was held annually to support this scholarship fund. Members of the HCAFP continue to support the scholarship fund through membership in the Century Club. Individuals and organizations committed to encouraging the practice of family medicine provide additional financial support. Since July 2001, when the first scholarships were awarded, two scholarships have been awarded annually to deserving medical students, one from Baylor College of Medicine and one from the University of Texas Medical School at Houston. Beginning in 2008, this amount was increased to \$2,000 each.

#### **CRITERIA:**

- \* Applicant must be a third-year medical student in good standing.
- \* Applicant must have a strong interest in practicing family medicine or have already chosen family medicine as his/her specialty.
- \* Although it is not a requirement, special consideration may be given to students considering practicing in medically underserved areas.

#### **APPLICATION PROCEDURE:**

An interview with a member of the Scholarship Committee is required. Contact Carolyn Love, assistant to Grant Fowler, M.D., Scholarship Committee Chair, at 713-500-7604 **by March 31**. Please bring the following materials to the interview:

- Transcript
- Letter of Recommendation from the Office of Student Affairs
- Personal Statement (no more than 1 page)
- Letter of Recommendation from a family physician (can be handwritten)

#### **NOTIFICATION OF WINNERS AND PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Scholarship winners will be notified by the end of June. For this purpose, applicants should provide written contact information at the time of their interviews.