The AMSA PTO board has approved four scholarships to be awarded for the 2024-2025 Academic year. All four scholarships will be for \$1,000 and will be awarded to one student per category.

- All scholarships are open to members of the 2025 Senior class at AMSA.
- Applicants must be attending an educational program after graduation from AMSA, which includes traditional
 colleges and universities which offer certificate, and degree programs, or other educational programs that
 would provide specialized career/technical training.
- A student may apply or a teacher/staff member of AMSA may nominate a student. A parent may not apply for a scholarship on behalf of their own student.
- Recipients will be selected by 3rd party volunteers to ensure fairness in the selection process
- Scholarships will be distributed at Senior night by a member of the PTO Board.

Above and Beyond Scholarship is awarded to students who have had to endure a hardship, and demonstrated effort above and beyond what the typical student at AMSA would need to succeed.

This scholarship recognizes and rewards a student who is successful at AMSA, recognizing the rigorous academic requirements of the school while also managing additional life challenges. COVID related illness/challenges are not eligible as all members of the AMSA community and beyond were affected.

Students who have been faced with unusual or extraordinary challenges and have demonstrated continued perseverance during their time at AMSA should apply or be nominated for this scholarship.

- 1. Applicant/Nominee
 - a. Nominating staff member(s)
- 2. Tell us about yourself and something important to you or that you are passionate about.
- 3. Describe the challenge(s) you have faced that have made balancing school more difficult for you than for the average AMSA student.
- 4. What motivated you to succeed despite your specific challenges?
- 5. Tell us about your plans for your future and/or after graduation
- 6. If selected, how would you use this scholarship money?

<u>Academic Balance Scholarship</u> is awarded to students who have successfully balanced AMSA academics with *any* combination of sports, clubs, activities, paid work, volunteer work, help with family care, and/or other commitments. This scholarship recognizes the challenges of balancing the academic rigor of attending AMSA and the pursuit of a student's other interests, and or balance with *real life* outside of school.

Students who have worked conscientiously during their time at AMSA and participated in any combination of 2 or more of these activities at AMSA should apply or be nominated for this scholarship.

- 1. Applicant/Nominee
 - a. Nominating staff member(s)
- 2. Tell us about yourself and something important to you or that you are passionate about.
- 3. Tell us about sports, clubs, activities, paid work, volunteer work, help with family care and/or other commitments you participated in during your time at AMSA and *why* you participated.
- 4. What motivated you to succeed at balancing schoolwork with your interests and/or the other commitments in your life?
- 5. Tell us about your plans for your future and/or after graduation
- 6. If selected, how would you use this scholarship money?

AMSA Experience Scholarship recognizes the unique challenges that the class of 2025 has faced during their high school years, set within unprecedented times. To be considered for this scholarship award, applicants are asked to write about a life lesson or something else important that they have learned through their experiences at AMSA (beyond pure academics). Applicants may not cite COVID related illness/challenges are not eligible as all members of the AMSA community and beyond were affected.

Applicants are invited to use any writing style they wish, including, but not limited to: formal essay, article-style, first person, conversational, email-style, memoir, poetry, humor, or any other style.

- 1. Applicant/Nominee
 - a. Nominating staff member(s)
- 2. Tell us about yourself and something important to you or that you are passionate about.
- 3. Tell us about a life lesson, or something else important to you, that you have learned/experienced during your time at AMSA
- 4. Tell us about your plans for your future and/or after graduation
- 5. If selected, how would you use this scholarship money?

<u>Bright Future Scholarship</u> recognizes and rewards students who are making informed & practical plans for their future success, whether selecting a traditional or educational program.

Students who have worked conscientiously during their time at AMSA and have plans for their future regardless of post-secondary education pursued should apply/be nominated.

- 1. Applicant/Nominee
 - a. Nominating staff member(s)
- 2. Tell us about yourself and something important to you or that you are passionate about.
- 3. What college or career plans are you pursuing after AMSA graduation? What/Who influenced your decision?
- 4. Tell us about your next steps. Why do you feel this is the right path for you?
- 5. If selected, how would you use this scholarship money?