

Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians

Welcome to USAFP!

What is USAFP, and what does it do for medical students?

The Uniformed Services Academy of Family Physicians is the chapter of the American Academy of Family Physicians for those family physicians serving in the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Public Health Service. USAFP is dedicated to promoting the education, development, and capabilities of current and future uniformed family physicians. The Resident and Student Affairs Committee within USAFP serves medical students by providing educational and leadership development resources related to Military Family Medicine, while also representing the needs and concerns of USUHS and HPSP students who are interested in pursuing Family Medicine. Currently, medical student voices are represented on the USAFP Board of Directors which has two Student Representatives, one each for USUHS and HPSP.

Why should I be interested in Military Family Medicine?

Being a family physician in uniform offers a wide variety of opportunities to practice the full scope of Family Medicine. In addition to caring for service members and family of all ages, family physicians may be deployed in an Operational Medicine capacity, managing aspects such as preventive medicine, trauma care, humanitarian missions, and more. Family Medicine also lends itself to many leadership opportunities within healthcare administration.

How can medical students become involved in USAFP?

Membership is free for medical students in conjunction with an AAFP membership, also free for medical students. Just sign up for an AAFP membership <u>here</u> and indicate you are in the military by responding yes to "Active duty military or have military service obligation due to Health Professions Scholarship". If you are a USU student, this will automatically sign you up for USAFP membership. If you are an HPSP student, you will be contacted by USAFP staff to decide whether you would like to become a full member of USAFP or maintain full membership in your school's state chapter with adjunct membership in USAFP (affording you several resources, including communication and mentoring, within USAFP).

If you are interested in participating in the Resident and Student Affairs Committee, or have questions/concerns you would like to bring to the committee's attention, visit the Resident and Student Affairs page <u>here</u> to fill out a Committee Interest Form or Contact Resident & Student Board Representatives form. Also, if a student is interested in being connected with a military family physician as a research mentor to discuss a research idea to brainstorm or set up a research rotation, please reach out to the Resident and Student Affairs Committee Chairs below.

The USAFP holds an annual conference that welcomes medical students and offers a great opportunity to network with uniformed family physicians, attend lectures and educational workshops, and present your research! Scholarships for medical students are available.

Where can I find out more about Military Family Medicine residencies?

The Resident and Student Affairs Committee has put together this <u>site</u> with information about each service's Family Medicine residency programs, the military GME application process, and tips for succeeding on rotations and interviews. On the Resident and Student Affairs <u>page</u>, you can also find additional contacts for the FM residencies and information about Education and Sports Medicine Fellowships.

We're Better Together with you here!

Very respectfully,

The 2024-2025 USAFP Student Board Representatives

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