

NYSAFP Student Positions & Election Process

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Student Positions:

1. Student Representative to the NYSAFP Board of Directors
2. Delegate to the NYSAFP Congress of Delegates
3. Delegate to the AAFP National Student Congress
4. Commission Member
5. Reference Committee Member
6. Other opportunities as they arise

2018 Students:

Marten Peterson	Upstate Rep to NYS BOD		
Gisele Cesar	Upstate COD Delegate Alt Upstate Rep to NY BOD		
Sierra Vanderkelen	Downstate Rep NY BOD		
Tonie McKenzie	Downstate COD Delegate		
Emily Baumert	Alt Downstate Rep to NY BOD		
Christian Cayon	Alt Downstate Rep to NY BOD		
Katharine Wilcox	Alt Downstate COD Delegate		
Pratiksha Yalakkishettar	Alt Downstate COD Delegate		
Alex Paley	NY Rep to AAFP National		

Position Descriptions:

1. Student Representative to the NYSAFP Board of Directors

Four positions in total, see election details below. Two student representatives to the Board of Directors (Upstate/Downstate), and two alternate representatives (Upstate/Downstate). These should be medical students who can represent the interest of students at the NYSAFP Board of Directors meetings. Upstate and Downstate student representatives share one vote at these meetings. The alternates will assume the role of representative if their counterpart is unable to attend a meeting. Alternates are encouraged to attend meetings even if the representatives are present. Travel is funded for all four positions. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate with each other to ensure that at least 1 student is present at every board meeting: July 29, 2018 in Clifton Park; Nov 11, 2018 in Westchester; March 17, 2019 in Albany
- Work together to stay updated about student concerns
- Work with staff to maintain contact lists of campus FMIG leaders and FM-interested students
- Work with other student leaders to support and strengthen FMIG chapters & student participation in the academy (including design of student-specific programming)
- Work with the other student representative and alternates to run elections each Spring
- BOD details online at <http://www.nysafp.org/Member/Governance/Commissions/Board>

2. Student Delegate to the NYSAFP Congress of Delegates

Four positions in total, see election details below. Two student delegates to the NYSAFP Congress of Delegates(Upstate/Downstate), and two alternate delegates (Upstate/Downstate). These should

be medical students who can represent the interest of students by voting at the state congress of delegates. The Upstate and Downstate student delegates have separate votes. The alternates will assume the role of delegate if their counterpart is unable to attend. Alternates are encouraged to attend even if the delegates are present. Travel is funded for all four positions. Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate with each other to ensure that at least 2 students are present at the NYSAFP COD held in Troy, NY on June 23 - 24, 2018
- Work together to stay updated about student concerns
- Become familiar with Academy policy and priorities
- Strongly encouraged to attend Lobby Day and participate in a commission
- Also encouraged to help students write resolutions for the NYSAFP COD and the AAFP National Congress.
- Any member present at the COD may also help with the reference committee (details below)
- COD details online at <http://www.nysafp.org/Member/Governance/Congress-of-Delegates>

3. Delegate to the AAFP National Student Congress

Two positions in total, see election details below. One student delegate to the National Student Congress, and one alternate delegate. These should be medical students who can represent the interest of students by voting at the AAFP National Student Congress. The alternate will assume the role of delegate if their counterpart is unable to attend the meeting. The alternate is encouraged to attend even if the delegates is present. However, travel funds are available for only 1 position.

Responsibilities include:

- Coordinate with each other to ensure that at least 1 student is present at the AAFP National Students Congress held at the National Conference in Kansas City on August 2-4, 2018
- Work together to stay updated about student concerns
- Become familiar with Academy policy and priorities
- Strongly encouraged to attend Lobby Day and participate in a commission
- Also encouraged to help students write resolutions for the NYSAFP COD and the AAFP National Congress.

4. Commission Member

Medical students are encouraged to apply for positions on NYSAFP commissions. The commissions are: Advocacy, Education, Leadership, Membership, Operations, and Public Health. Students should indicate which commissions they are interested to serve on at the time of application and will be appointed by the NYSAFP President for a one-year term. There is no limit to how many students can be on the commissions. Responsibilities include:

- Participate at the 3 commission meetings during the year: July 29, 2018 in Clifton Park; Early Nov. conference call; March 17, 2019 in Albany
- Notify commission chair when you are unable to attend a meeting
- Commission details online at <http://www.nysafp.org/Member/Governance/Commissions>

5. Reference Committee Member

Medical students are encouraged to apply to be appointed to the Reference Committee on Operations or the Reference Committee on Policy at the NYSAFP Congress of Delegates in June. The Reference Committees reviews resolutions that are brought to the COD and gives a group recommendation on whether to accept each resolution. This is a non-voting position where the student would work with resident and physician members to issue the recommendations.

6. Other opportunities with NYSAFP

Medical students are encouraged to participate in numerous other capacities. See <http://www.nysafp.org/Member/Students> or email fp@nysafp.org for more info. Also, keep an eye on your email for requests for help. Ask for more info if you see any opportunity that interests you. Even if you are unsure whether student participation is being sought, it never hurts to ask.

Notes on Student Positions:

- I. Upstate students should be from Albany, Buffalo, Rochester, or SUNY Upstate medical schools.
- II. Downstate students should be from Albert Einstein, Columbia, Cornell, Hofstra, Mount Sinai, NYCOM, NYMC, NYU, Stony Brook, SUNY Downstate, or Touro COM medical schools.
- III. All elected positions are fully funded, meaning that travel, hotel, and food expenses associated with attending all meetings will be reimbursed. The exception is that alternate student delegates to the Congresses will not be guaranteed funding to attend the National AAFP Students Conference unless the elected Student Delegate is unable to attend.
- IV. International medical students who attend schools approved for training in NY are welcome to apply for commission positions, but may not serve as the voting delegate to the COD or the student representative to the board.
- V. Overlap of positions is allowed depending on the volume of student interest. Student Representatives, Student Delegates, and Alternates are encouraged to also serve on academy commissions and reference committees. Additionally, student representatives and alternate representatives to the board may fill in as delegates at the NYSAFP COD or AAFP National Students Congress in the event that all other delegates and alternates become unable to attend. However, every effort will be made to include all interested students will be made and new students will be given priority for involvement before an overlapping position is approved.
- VI. All NYSAFP student leaders are included in the Subcommittee on Student Initiatives, which meets via conference call as needed

Summary of Student Election Process:

- I. The nomination period is announced at the Winter weekend and via email.
- II. Interested students should email fp@nysafp.org with their desired positions ranked in order of preference.
- III. If voting is necessary, another email will explain the details for online voting.
- IV. To run and to vote, student must be a member of NYSAFP (register for free at <http://www.aafp.org/membership/join/student.html>).