



CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy

Note: The instructions below are divided into two sections. The first section provides guidance for the program director or faculty member completing the application. The second section outlines the steps for the nominated student to complete their portion of the application.

CAHME Application Instructions (Program Director/Faculty Member)

1. Go to the Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy webpage [here](#).
2. Click on the “Nominate a Student” button (see below) which will bring you directly to the CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy application.

NOMINATE A STUDENT

3. Once you click on the “Nominate a Student link, you will be brought to the login page below.
4. Once you click on the link, you will be brought to the login page.

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The CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy

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First Name *

Last Name *

University or Company Name *

Create a Password *

5. Create an Account by filling out the appropriate fields. Then, login using your information.

****Note:** Once you log in, you'll be able to save your progress and return to it anytime.



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6. Read through the first tab (Eligibility Information). Once you read it through, hit Save and Next.

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Overview

The CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy

Judy Baar Topinka began her career in journalism and went on to blaze a pioneering path as a public servant in Illinois. First elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in 1980, Judy later became a state senator and was elected as the first woman to serve as the state's Treasurer. As a legislator and civic leader, Judy was an advocate for the health and welfare of the residents of Illinois. Many of her legislative achievements focus on improving healthcare quality and access. Her expertise in health policy led her to chair the Health and Welfare Committee of the Illinois Senate. She believed in public service and was tireless in her advocacy of those in need. She believed in passion, hard work, ethical leadership, and persistence. The successful applicant will share these qualities and characteristics.

Nominees for this award exemplify the following qualities:

- Serve the public good through impactful work in public health or distinguished volunteer efforts that benefit underserved communities.
- Lead with integrity and persistence, advocating for improved healthcare access, quality or policy.
- Drive meaningful change by applying dedication and persistence toward advancing healthcare quality, equity, and policy within their communities.
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- Serve the public good through meaningful contributions in public health roles or distinguished volunteer service that positively impacted individuals or communities.

Students in CAHME Accredited programs are eligible to receive the scholarship. Nominations must be made by their Program Director or a faculty member on behalf of the University Program Director.

Learn more at: <https://cahme.org/awards-scholarships/judy-baar-topinka-foundation-scholarship/>.

7. Read through the second tab (Applicant Information). Fill out “Application Name” and select from the dropdown menu for “CAHME Accredited Program Confirmation” section. Once complete, hit Save and Next.

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Eligibility Information

Applicant Information

Program Nomination Essay

Nominated Student

Selection Process

Application Name *
Provide a name or title for your application.

THIS FORM IS COLLECTING CONTACT INFORMATION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO NAMES, ADDRESSES, PHONE NUMBERS, AND EMAIL ADDRESSES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF COMMUNICATION AND CORRESPONDENCE RELATED TO THE AWARD. BY SUBMITTING THIS INFORMATION, YOU CONSENT TO ITS COLLECTION AND USE FOR THE SPECIFIED PURPOSE. THIS INFORMATION WILL BE HANDLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH APPLICABLE DATA PROTECTION LAWS AND WILL NOT BE SHARED WITH THIRD PARTIES EXCEPT AS REQUIRED BY LAW OR WITH YOUR EXPLICIT CONSENT. ADDITIONALLY, BY PROVIDING YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, YOU CONSENT TO ITS USE FOR THE PURPOSES OF THE SCHOLARSHIP/AWARD COLLECTION, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROJECT UPDATES, NOTIFICATIONS, AND OTHER RELEVANT COMMUNICATIONS ABOUT CAHME. YOU RESERVE THE OPTION TO OPT OUT OF SUCH COMMUNICATION FOLLOWING THE SELECTION OF THE CANDIDATE. TO OPT OUT OF FUTURE COMMUNICATION FOLLOWING THE SELECTION OF A CANDIDATE, SEND AN EMAIL TO INFO@CAHME.ORG, OR BY CLICKING UNSUBSCRIBE ON THE EMAIL COMMUNICATION.

CAHME Accredited Program Confirmation *

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8. Fill out the third tab (Program Nomination Essay). You will answer one essay question about the nominated student. Once you have completed the essay, hit Save and Next.

****Note:** Feel free to write out your responses in a different document (ex. Word) and copy & paste them when complete.

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Program Nomination Essay

Nominated Student

Selection Process

Essay (250 word limit) *
Explain what makes this student an ideal candidate to receive a CAHME scholarship?
(If you are nominating this student for multiple scholarships, you can copy this response.)
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9. Fill out the fourth tab (Nominated Student). In this section, you will enter the name and email of the student you nominated for this scholarship. Once you fill out this information, hit Save and Next.

****Note:** The nominated student will be responsible for completing essay questions associated with the scholarship. They will receive an email with a link to answer the essay questions to complete the application.

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Applicant Information

Program Nomination Essay

Nominated Student

Selection Process

Please enter the full name and email address of the student you are nominating.

Once you 'Save and Finalize' this application on the next page, the student will be notified and will be asked to complete a second portion of this application.

Thank you!

Student Being Nominated *

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Full Name

Email

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10. You will be brought to the fifth tab (Selection Process). Once you have finalized all fields of the application, hit Save and Finalize.

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Nominated Student

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Selection Process

- Nominations will be reviewed by a blue-ribbon panel.
- Applicants will be notified of a decision in December 2026.
- Recipient will be honored virtually at a CAHME event

Please be sure to click the 'Save and Finalize' button to complete this application.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Brianna Moccia, CAHME Operations Manager, at bmoccia@cahme.org.

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11. When you hit Save and Finalize you will receive the message below:



Press OK to Submit your Application. You will not be allowed to make changes after submitting.

Press Cancel to return to the Application.

You may also press 'Save' instead of 'Save and Finalize' to save and return later.

Cancel

OK

12. Hit Ok which will bring you to the page below.

Thank you for your application!

For more information on all of the CAHME Awards & Scholarships that are offered, visit: <https://cahme.org/awards-scholarships/>

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[See My Submissions](#)

13. Your application is submitted. As a reminder, the student you nominated will receive an email to complete their portion of the application. Once that is completed, you will be notified via email. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Brianna Moccia, Operations Manager, at bmoccia@cahme.org.

Thank you for nominating a student for the CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation
Scholarship for Health Policy

CAHME Application Instructions (Nominated Student)

1. You will receive an automated email from the CAHME Awards mailbox stating that your program director or a faculty member on behalf of the program director nominated you for the CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy.



CAHME Awards

To:  Brianna Moccia



Wed 8/5/2026 2:48 PM

BM

You have been nominated by your program director and/or faculty member for CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy 2026-2027. CAHME is using an automated system to help consolidate nomination forms.

Please click [here](#) to complete your scholarship application by completing your contact information and essay questions. **Applications must be completed by October 16, 2026.**

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This email is a service from CAHME - Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Management Education.

2. Click on the link provided in the email to access the portion of the application you are responsible for completing. Once you click on the link, you will be brought into the application.

****Note:** The name of the program director/faculty member that nominated you will be next to “Application Submitted by” at the top.



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CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy 2026-2027

Application Submitted by: Brianna Moccia

You are Submitting a Scholarship Application for: BM

You have been nominated by your program director and/or faculty member for the CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy. As part of the application process, you are required to respond to the essay questions listed below. Each response should be no more than 250 words (maximum 1,250 characters).

Student First Name ▾

Student Last Name ▾

Student University Email ▾

Student Personal Email ▾

3. Fill out your information.
4. After you fill out your information, scroll down to review the CAHME/Judy Baar Topinka Foundation Scholarship for Health Policy Overview. Then, answer the essay questions provided.
****Note: Feel free to write out your responses in a different document (ex. Word) and copy & paste them when complete.**

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Essay Question 1 (250 word limit)

Provide specific example(s) of how you served the public good through a public health role or distinguished volunteerism. (Be specific to the award criteria.)

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Essay Question 2 (250 word limit)

Answer the following questions. First, explain how you will use the scholarship funds. Next, explain how receiving this scholarship money would make a difference in your healthcare career.

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5. Once you have answered the essay questions, hit the blue Save button.
6. After hitting save, the message below will appear. Click Ok to submit the application.



Click OK to submit. You will not be able to make edits after submitting.

Cancel

OK

7. After hitting Ok, you will be brought to the page below.



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Thank you, your application has been received.

If you have any questions or concerns, contact Brianna Moccia, CAHME Operations Manager, at bmoccia@cahme.org.

8. Your application is submitted. Your program director/faculty member will receive an email that you have completed the application. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Brianna Moccia, Operations Manager, at bmoccia@cahme.org.