

Chewy Veterinary Leaders Program

About the Scholarship:

The Chewy Veterinary Leaders Program recognizes third-year veterinary students from underserved groups who have shown an interest in and affinity for growing leadership capabilities. Individuals selected for the program will receive financial assistance as well as resources to support them through their final years of veterinary school and into the next phase of their careers.

The Chewy Health organization believes the path to building stronger practices, a healthier culture, and providing better care in veterinary medicine is by supporting the success of people from all backgrounds as they pursue a veterinary career. Chewy's hope is to make the program participants' journeys a little easier so they can thrive in practice and become leaders that inspire the next generation of veterinary professionals.

15 students will be selected for the first 2024 Chewy Veterinary Leaders cohort. This opportunity is open to qualified students at all AAVMC U.S. Member Institutions. Each AAVMC Institutional Member may nominate one (1) eligible student for the Chewy Veterinary Leaders Program. For a nomination to be considered, the following materials must be submitted to AAVMC via the application link provided on the scholarship website between November 6, 2023 and January 15, 2024:

What's Included:

Debit Relief

Receive a \$20,000 scholarship distributed over two years (\$10,000 per year), paid directly to your institution via our partner the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC).

Camaraderie + Support

Participate in monthly cohort conversations facilitated by a trained mentor through our MentorVet partnership.

Social

Attend a sponsored cohort event for students attending the Student AVMA Symposium as well as a travel stipend to attend the conference.

Learning

Attend a Chewy Health Experience, hosted at a Chewy hub, featuring leadership training, social activities, and more.

Post-Graduation Mentorship Program

Receive a scholarship to join a cohort as part of MentorVet LEAP's six-month program after graduation.

Alumni Network

Option to join the Chewy Veterinary Leaders alumni network to continue networking and learning beyond school.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Be a current third-year veterinary student in good academic standing.
- Have an interest in pursuing a career in small animal medicine.

- Be nominated by their AAVMC Member institution.
- Be a demonstrated student leader who is committed to serving and mentoring within the veterinary profession.
- Provide documentation of established financial need (FASFA Student Aid Report).
- Have demonstrated their commitment to promoting diversity, inclusion, and/or accessibility.
- Be committed to making best efforts to participate in all Chewy Veterinary Leaders program elements.

What to Submit:

- A letter of nomination from the Dean of the school or college
- A personal statement from the nominee about their diversity efforts and how they intend to continue promoting diversity in veterinary medicine after veterinary school. The essay should not exceed three type-written, double-spaced pages.
- A copy of the student's resume or curriculum vitae.
- A current copy of the student's unofficial transcript.
- Documentation of Financial Need; FASFA Report/Notarized statement/Loan debt statement