

# Merck Animal Health and Patricia M. Lowrie Diversity Leadership Scholarship

## **About the Scholarships**

### ***The Merck Animal Health Diversity Leadership Scholarship***

The scholarship recognizes students who have demonstrated a record of contributing to enhancing diversity and inclusion at AAVMC member Institutions. The scholarship honors students who have been consistent champions of addressing inequities and underrepresentation in the veterinary profession, have advocated for social justice, and have advanced valuing diversity and inclusion at AAVMC Member Institutions. Up to 18 scholarships will be awarded; each scholarship will be awarded a one-time payment in the amount of \$5,000.

### ***The Patricia M. Lowrie Diversity Leadership Scholarship***

The Patricia M. Lowrie Diversity Leadership Scholarship also recognizes veterinary students who have demonstrated exemplary promise as future leaders and have made significant contributions to enhancing diversity and inclusion in academic veterinary medicine. The awardee of the Lowrie Diversity Leadership Scholarship will only be selected from the Merck Animal Health Diversity Scholarship nominations pool. Each scholarship will be awarded a one-time payment in the amount of \$6,000.

## **Eligibility**

Veterinary students must:

- Be a current second or third-year veterinary student in good standing (e.g. passing all courses, no disciplinary issues) at an AAVMC Member Institution (accredited school or college of veterinary medicine);
- Have a demonstrated record of contributing to enhancing diversity and inclusion through course projects, co-curricular activities, outreach, domestic and community engagement, research, and/or developed an early reputation for influencing others to be inclusive.
- Be nominated by their institution.

## **Who may nominate**

AAVMC Institution may nominate one eligible student

## **Award**

The awardee will be notified in February 2024. The awardee will be featured in a 3-minute tribute video during the Annual Conference in April 2024. AAVMC will cover the awardee's registration cost.

## **What to submit**

The nominee must submit the following materials to be considered.

- 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.