

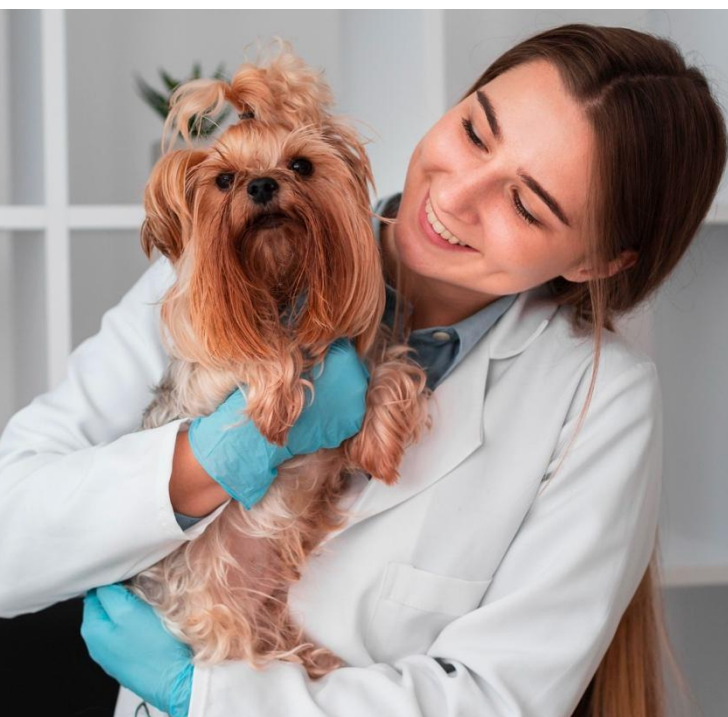


2026 American Holistic Veterinary Medical Foundation Student Grants & Endowed Scholarships

The AHVMF Foundation is pleased to announce the following veterinary student awards, to be used to cover the costs of attending the American Holistic Veterinary Medical Association Annual Conference in San Diego, CA, Oct 3-6, 2026, where students can learn more about integrative/holistic veterinary medicine.

Each award is for \$1,800.

AHVMF Student Education Grant
AHVMF Student Research Grant
Lorraine Tiekert Endowed Scholarship
Sharon Willoughby-Blake Grant
Richard Palmquist Student Education Grant



Eligibility:

Students must be currently enrolled at an accredited U.S. or Canadian college of veterinary medicine.

Recipients must attend at least 2 days of the AHVMA Conference in San Diego, CA on Oct. 3-6, 2026, and help in the AHVMF booth.

Students may apply for multiple awards, but may receive only one award in a given calendar year. Winners may not apply for the same award in future years.

Shared housing and travel costs are allowed and encouraged.

Winners will be notified at the end of May, 2026.

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2026 American Holistic Veterinary Medical Foundation Student Grants & Endowed Scholarships Application

1. Write a 2-3 page essay addressing the questions below.
 - a. How do you define holistic or integrative medicine?
 - b. How does a holistic approach benefit (including nutrition) our patients?
 - c. Have you had an opportunity to study or observe alternative modalities (homeopathy, acupuncture, etc.)? Do you plan to incorporate them in your practice some day?
 - d. How will attending the 2026 AHVMA Conference be of benefit to you?
2. Please indicate which award(s) you are applying for. You must answer an additional question for each award; answers to each question should not exceed one page apiece.
 - ☐ **AHVMF Student Education Grant:** In attending to your own pet, what modality(ies) would you be comfortable using on it? How do you envision your professional life in 5 years after graduation?
 - ☐ **AHVMF Student Research Grant:** How have you participated in any veterinary medical research thus far?
 - ☐ **Lorraine Tiekert Endowed Scholarship:** Who was Dr. Carvel Tiekert and what did he accomplish toward holistic veterinary medicine? Has his contributions affected your career path?
 - ☐ **Sharon Willoughby-Blake Grant:** Who was Dr. Willoughby-Blake? What were her contributions to veterinary care? Why is she considered a pioneer in veterinary medicine? What is meant by the term subluxation? How does this apply to a dog or horse?
 - ☐ **Richard Palmquist Student Education Grant:** How do you plan to use what you learn to expand veterinary medical clinical and research paths?
3. Your essay must be submitted as a **Word document**. Name your electronic file with your name (last name, first name). Put your full name on each page (last name, first name). Essay should be double-spaced, Times New Roman, 12 pt font.
4. Submit TYPED application and essay by 5 PM EST on April 20, 2026 to:
dant.ahvmf@gmail.com

Please include your name, mailing address, phone number, email address, name of veterinary school attending and year of graduation.

Student AHVMA chapter member? Yes ☐ No ☐ No, but no chapter at my school ☐
SAHVMA officer? Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, title?

_____ Initial here to give permission to publish all or part of your essay plus you also agree to allow AHVMF to publish your photo and/or conference interviews, etc.