The CAPA Awards for COVID-19 Relief

The Chinese American Pathologists Association (CAPA) will provide awards to help relieve the burdens and damages associated with Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) in the U.S. and China. These awards will enable high school and college students to develop and implement various programs that alleviate the medical, public health, financial, psychological and socioeconomic issues related to the COVID-19. We hope to motivate the next generation of Americans to get involved in humanitarian causes. Preferences will be given to the proposals closely aligned with medical fields, specially pathology. We thank the donors for their generous support.

These awards are divided to the two components: Category A). To support the children of the health care providers who died in fighting COVID-19 in China. Category B). To alleviate the aforementioned issues related to COVID-19 in the U.S. The CAPA will provide a total of \$2,000-\$3,000 for the category-A proposals, and \$3,000 to \$4,000 for the category-B proposals.

Eligibility: Students in high school or an accredited U.S., U.K. or Canadian college, who must be sponsored by a CAPA member and whose eligibility must be confirmed by the same CAPA member. By submitting the proposal, the applicant agrees to provide the CAPA a summary report at the end of the project, and to acknowledge the CAPA's support in any product, presentation or publication of the funded project. An applicant can apply to both categories.

Deadline: June 6, 2020 11:59PM (EDT)

How to apply: Please submit your application on line along with a proposal (only pdf or doc file allowed) excluding budget-page and references. Note: The font size should not be smaller than 10, the margins not smaller than 0.5 inch, and length not more than 3 pages (single spaced). Submission site: https://forms.gle/ym9rG828JZyJwZVp6
Online submission items:

Name, gender, address, personal email, contact phone number, student stage (high school vs college), proposal category (A for the Chinese component or B for American component), School name, school address and school year (e.g. junior should be 3), school email, sponsor's name (must be a CAPA regular or lifetime member), sponsor's CAPA membership status, sponsor's email, sponsor's phone number.

Review and selection criteria: The proposals will be blindly reviewed, scored, and selected by the CAPA COVID-19 committee and external partners. The selection criteria include but are not limited to the following:

- 1) The proposed program should target to alleviate the medical, public health, financial, psychological and socioeconomic issues related to the COVID-19.
- Feasibility and impact of the proposed program.
- 3) The proposal should reflect the applicant's passion for developing and implementing his/her proposed program.
- 4) The program should be sustainable in the long run, although it may need and receive additional funds from the CAPA in the future.

Notification: The applicant will be notified of the proposal outcome from the CAPA by email within 1 month of the submission deadline.

Budgets: All justified expenses are allowed, but the budget should not exceed \$1,500.

Questions: E-mail Lanjing Zhang, MD, CAPA President, and Chair of the CAPA COVID-19 committee, lanjing.zhang@rutgers.edu

FAQ:

- How many awards will you fund?
 As many as possible, but likely 7-10 in total.
- Do you accept applications from China? Yes.
- What language should the application be written in?
 The applications in English will be accepted for both categories. The applications in Chinese will be considered, but only for the category A.
- If I receive the award, what should I be aware of?
 You should email the CAPA a brief report at the end of the project, and acknowledge its support wherever possible.
- Will you continue this program for the next year?
 We will likely continue it, but the number of awards may be changed based on the available funds.
- What are your selection criteria?
 We evaluate the proposal's significance, innovation and feasibility, and the applicant's credentials in the review process.
- How many proposals could one CAPA member sponsor? One (1).
- Can a parent sponsor his or her child to apply? Yes.
- Does the sponsor have to be related to the applicant?
 No.
- Can an associate member of the CAPA sponsor an application? Sorry, but No.