

# These 4 AMA member benefits help medical students thrive

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The AMA is with its members every step of the way. For medical students, that means the AMA provides resources to thrive—academically and in charting your career—throughout your four years of undergraduate medical education.

Joining the nation's largest physician organization has considerable benefits. In addition to playing a direct role in shaping the future of health care, AMA members enjoy exclusive access to savings and resources designed to enhance the personal and professional lives of physicians, residents and students.

How do these comprehensive members-only offerings help you stay ahead during medical school? Here's a quick glance.

## Leading the future of medicine

The AMA holds its Annual and Interim Meetings at which elected members can help shape policy in the Association's House of Delegates (HOD). The AMA Medical Student Section, which deliberates as part of the HOD, is the largest medical student organization in the country.

In addition to AMA meetings, events such as the AMA Medical Student Advocacy & Region Conference give members the opportunity to advocate, with legislators, for the issues that will shape the future of medicine.

## Testing through the roof

In your time as a medical student, the scores you record on the first portion of the United States Medical Licensing Examinations (USMLE®)—or Comprehensive Osteopathic Medical Licensing Exam (COMLEX-USA®)—will play a large role in determining your options for residency programs.

The AMA selected Kaplan as a preferred provider to support you in reaching your goal of passing the USMLE or COMLEX-USA. AMA members can save up to 30% on access to additional study resources, such as Kaplan's Qbank and High-yield courses. The AMA also offers a series of test-prep questions for the USMLE Steps 1, 2 and 3 exams.

## Finding the perfect fit

As a medical student, the residency application process is the first step in charting your life as a physician. FREIDA™, the AMA Residency & Fellowship Database®, allows users to search 11,000-plus programs.

Members-only features include the ability to save, compare, analyze and rank programs.

Additionally, the AMA Career Planning Resource offers tips and tricks on choosing a medical specialty, preparing your application and acing your residency interview.

## Resident interview loans

Ease the financial burden of interviewing for residency positions with a personal loan from Laurel Road to cover the costs associated with interviewing.

AMA student members receive an additional 0.25% rate discount when taking out a residency interview loan with Laurel Road. AMA student members must be currently enrolled in good standing in either an MD or DO program at an accredited U.S. medical school with an anticipated graduation date falling within 12 months from date of application.

Reduced payments during training. Pay only \$25 per month during the remainder of medical school and up to four years of your residency. Learn more about APR and payment examples and more information about the \$25 monthly payments.

Autopay discount—eligible for discount of 0.25% when monthly payments are made automatically from a bank account.

Learn more about AMA member benefits, and check out this handy catalog of benefits for AMA medical student members.

***Editor's note:*** A previously published version of this article detailed a fifth benefit that is no longer available to AMA members.