



Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women Application Form

Presented in association with the AMA Women Physicians Section and AMA Foundation

Applications must be received on or before 5:00 p.m. Central Time, **July 15, 2026**. To be fair to all applicants, applications received after this deadline will not be considered. Please carefully read the eligibility criteria, follow all instructions, and type your answers in this application form.

REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS:

- **Grant application form** [beginning on page 4 of this document (note that the text boxes are locked and will not expand)]
- **Biosketch information.** Biosketches are required from the principal investigator (or all co-principal investigators) only. The biosketch should be no longer than 4 pages and include information on educational background and training, experience and professional accomplishments, and summary of relevant publications/presentations. You may list the other members of the study team on the application; however, biosketches for team members are not required.
- **Supporting letter.** The supporting letter is an opportunity to highlight the merits of the applicant. As the supporting letter is specific to the applicant, the individual or institution solicited to write the letter will be at the applicant's discretion. Letters submitted by students or post-doctoral fellows should come from their faculty sponsor. Please note that the faculty sponsor cannot be a member of the research team. Otherwise, there are no other specifications for letters submitted by other applicants.

SUBMISSION INSTRUCTIONS

You can submit the application and supplemental materials via email - you may either save the completed application to your computer or scan your application and email it to: wps@ama-assn.org.

Note that if your combined files are greater than 7MB and are too large to send in one PDF or Word file, please send in separate emails. If you provide an email address on the cover page of this application, you will receive an email within 24 business hours confirming that we have received your application and supplemental materials.

Timeline:

- Proposals for the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women will be accepted between February 15 and July 15.
- The winning grant(s) will be announced in September during Women in Medicine month. Once the grant agreement has been signed, the funds will be provided thereafter within a reasonable time period.
- Awardee(s) may be asked to participate in the Interim Meeting of the AMA House of Delegates in November to provide a formal presentation relating to the award and/or research topic. If in-person travel is required, costs associated with such participation will be covered, outside of the awarded funds.
- Awardee(s) will have approximately **two years** to complete the project and submit a Final Report Form. If additional time is required to complete the project, a written request must be submitted to wps@ama-assn.org.

About Joan F. Giambalvo, MD

Joan Fara Giambalvo received her undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and her medical degree from Temple University Medical School in 1956. A board-certified anesthesiologist, she died of liposarcoma in 1971 at age 39. Her generous gift funds research in support of the career advancement and satisfaction of women physicians and medical students throughout the United States.

About the AMA Women Physicians Section and the AMA Foundation

With more than 100,000 members, the **AMA Women Physicians Section** aims to increase the number and influence of women physicians in leadership roles, as well as advocate for and advance the understanding of women's health issues. Visit <https://www.ama-assn.org/member-groups-sections/women-physicians>.

The AMA Foundation

Since 1950, the [AMA Foundation](#) has been a leader in health care philanthropy with programs that advance public health and medical education. As the philanthropic arm of the world's largest physician organization, the AMA Foundation has awarded more than \$122 million in grants and scholarships, demonstrating nationwide programmatic excellence.

PREMISE AND OBJECTIVES

The American Medical Association (AMA) Women Physicians Section (WPS), in conjunction with the AMA Foundation, has established the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women to promote the progress of women in the medical profession, and strengthen the ability to identify and address the needs of women physicians and medical students.

While women represent an increasing percentage of matriculating medical students and practicing physicians, there is a lack of empirical studies or reliable data about the effect this trend is having on medicine and women physicians themselves. This information void contributes to stereotypes, misinformation and unsubstantiated theories circulating in the media and other channels about the effects of women in the physician work force. For example, do women physicians face unique challenges in climbing the career ladder? Do part-time work opportunities help or hinder physician practices? While data show women work fewer hours and see fewer patients than their male counterparts, the short or long-term effect on patient care is less than clear. Some authors suggest that an increase of women in the physician work force could improve medicine by encouraging patient-centered care, team building and greater societal equity.

Research supported by the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women is essential in evaluating the impact of these and other issues regarding women in the medical work force, in facilitating understanding of future practice needs, and in helping the AMA better serve women physicians.

ELIGIBILITY AND SELECTION PROCESS

Applicants/awardees should note:

- The principal investigator or the co-principal investigator listed on the Giambalvo application must be a medical student or a physician (MD or DO). Students who are pursuing a MD or DO and are enrolled in accredited medical schools in the United States as determined by the Liaison Committee on Medical Education and the AOA's Commission on Osteopathic College Accreditation are eligible.
- In the event that the principal investigator for the Giambalvo Award leaves their university, the university agrees to either (a) allow the funds to be transferred to the new institution or (b) allow the individual to remain the principal investigator and may add a university employee (must be a MD or DO) to the project if needed.

- Researcher(s) may work alone or collaboratively on the specific research project.
- AMA membership is not required to be eligible for this award.
- The principal investigator (or member of the study team member) must be based in the United States.
- Members of the AMA Foundation Board of Directors, AMA Board of Trustees, Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women selection committee, AMA staff, and AMA Foundation staff are not eligible for this award.
- To avoid any conflict of interest, current AMA-WPS Governing Council members and those members serving between 2018-2023 are not eligible for this award.
- Proposals will be evaluated and awardee(s) selected based on a variety of factors, including, but not limited to: the innovation, quality and/or feasibility of the idea; project/research methodology; potential to produce action, change or more comprehensive studies; and career goals of the applicant. INCOMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
- Pursuant to Internal Revenue Service regulations, the recipient may receive a Form 1099 from the AMA Foundation for this award. Any taxes shall be the sole responsibility of the recipient. The recipient is advised to consult with his/her accountant. The recipient may request that the AMA Foundation issue the award funds to his/her employer or affiliated organization so long as the funds are used for the recipient's research project.

SUMMARY OF AWARD SPECIFICATIONS

The Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women seeks innovative research proposals focusing on professional work/practice issues that affect women physicians, including, but not limited to:

- Leadership training protocols
- Gender-based physician practice patterns
- Physician satisfaction or burnout
- Retention incentives
- Practice re-entry issues

Proposals for projects with concurrent/complementary funding and/or plans to use this grant as seed money for larger studies to follow will be received favorably, as well as proposals for independent new projects.

The Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women will be managed by the AMA-WPS. Award recipients will be selected by a committee comprising of representatives from the AMA-WPS Governing Council.

This program is an initiative of the AMA-WPS and the AMA Foundation, and will be conducted on an annual or periodic basis, as is deemed appropriate. The intention is to fund up to two proposals per award cycle. However, the AMA reserves the right to determine the total number of award recipients per award cycle, or to determine no winner from a cycle's applicant pool.

This award is for a maximum of \$10,000. A budget submitted with each applicant's proposal should reflect the anticipated use of funds for the amount requested, as well as the entire project's budget.

The AMA-WPS in conjunction with the AMA Foundation requires awardee(s) to acknowledge the AMA and the AMA Foundation's sponsorship of the award in the process of performing their research, in the following manner: "This activity is funded ["in part," if applicable] by the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women, a program of the American Medical Association Women Physicians Section and the American Medical Association Foundation."

The AMA retains the right to:

- Evaluate and monitor research protocols supported by the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women; and
- Refuse the distribution of funds to any organization, group or individual, including cosponsors, that discriminates, represents a conflict of interest or otherwise violates AMA principles.

The AMA requires:

- awardee(s) to submit a report at the end of the project documenting actual use of funds; and
- awardee(s) to sign and execute an agreement containing the terms and conditions of the grant prior to receiving the funds,

The AMA reserves the right to:

- Publicize general information (excluding data/results) about the funded work at any time. The AMA also reserves the right to publish data from the funded work, while acknowledging the author(s), either after receiving permission from the author(s), or no more than three years after awardee(s) receive(s) grant funding. This allows time for publication in peer-reviewed journals if that is the intention of the author(s);
- Withdraw funding if awardee(s) receives additional or supplemental funding for the project from any organization whose policies conflict with the policies and purpose of the AMA; and
- Request a written report upon completion of the grant period.

Note that while the AMA Foundation provides financial support for the project through this grant, the AMA Foundation can not provide access to emails or addresses of AMA members for the execution of the grant project. If a survey mechanism is needed for a project, the grantee must use a third-party vendor or organization and build the cost associated with the attainment of emails or addresses into the grant budget submitted.

The application form begins on the following page.

Application for the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women

Name of applicant(s)	
Title(s) of applicant(s)	
Applicant(s) role on project team	
Company or institution	
Street Address	
City, State and Zip Code	
Phone	Fax
Email	
Highest degree and date earned	

What is the principal investigator(s) profession? Physician
 Other (please specify) _____

If a student, course of study: Medicine
 Other (please specify) _____

What is the principal investigator(s) citizenship status? U.S. citizen
 Permanent resident
 Other (please specify) _____

Project Title

Total Project Budget	\$	Amount requested from AMA Foundation (up to \$10,000)	\$
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Time period this grant will cover: Month Year to Month Year *Click on dropdowns*

The majority of the proposed project timeline should occur between September 2025 – September 2027.

Project Summary

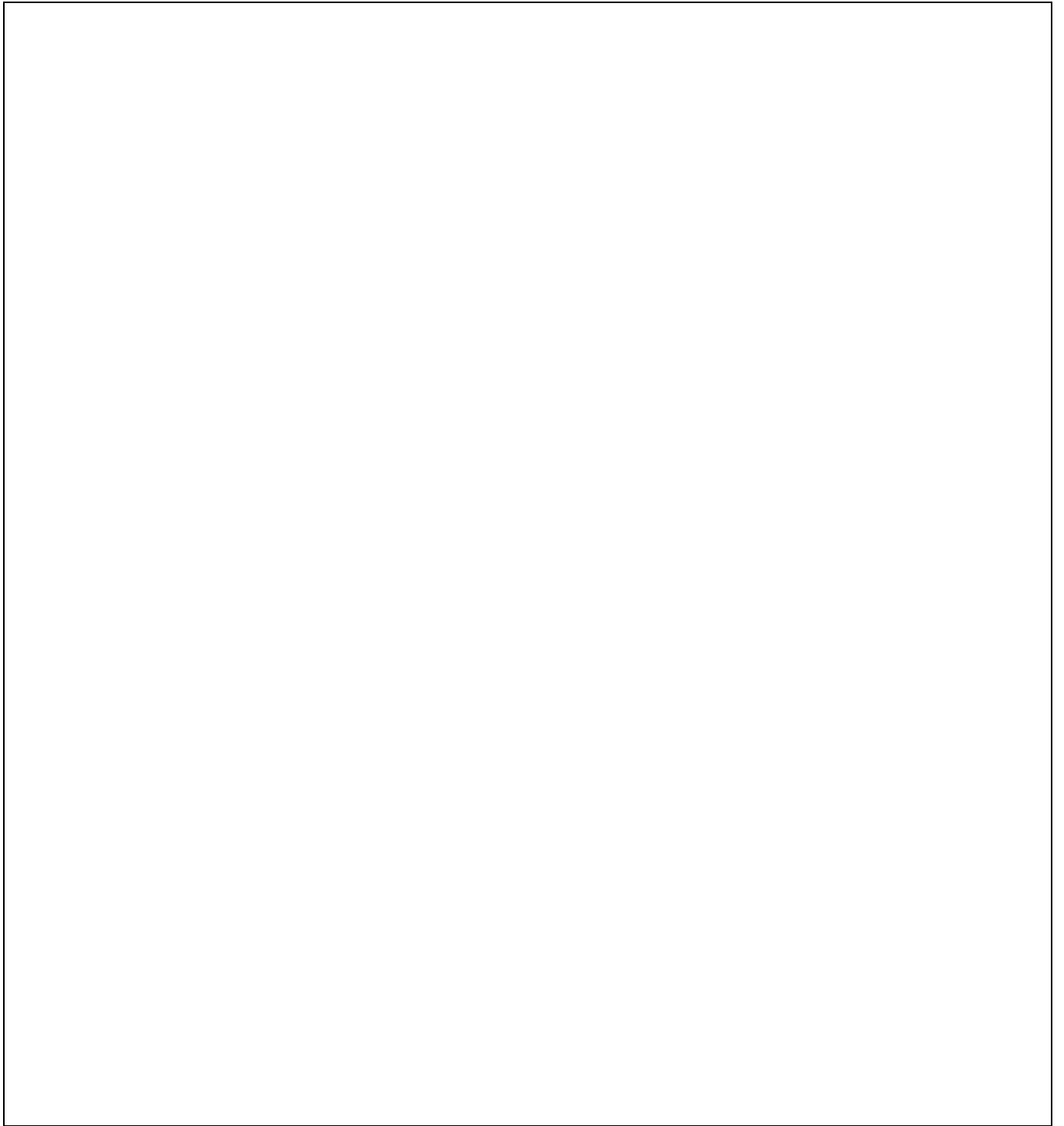
Membership status

Please identify your membership status in medical/health care organizations, such as local, state and national medical organizations, community service organizations or volunteer health care organizations (for informational purposes only):

Please describe your project. You must include:

- Needs assessment (suggestions include citing relevant articles, previous studies or statistics, or AMA policy)
- Project hypothesis/theory
- Project design (i.e., describe how you plan to execute your study and include a detailed timeline)
- Reporting method on findings (anticipated publications, speaking engagements, etc.)
- Has this project been submitted previously for consideration? YES ___ NO ___
If you are re-submitting, please bold or highlight new ideas from the previous application.

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Project Budget Detail

Please use this section to provide details about your project's budget. The following tables must be completed:

- **Project Expenses:** Provide an itemized budget that outlines what the *Giambalvo Scholarship* will be directed toward (i.e., supplies, printing, travel, etc.).
 - Include a brief description of each expense.
 - **Giambalvo Award funds are not intended to offset costs for compensation (e.g., salary, stipends, honoraria, etc.), tuition, incentives (e.g., gift cards), lab space or conferences. In addition, these funds are not intended to provide organizational support.** However, budget justifications for such items will be considered.
 - Coverage of indirect costs will be limited to 20% of the total funds provided.
- **Project Revenue:** Outline other funding sources for this project.
- **Budget Notes/Explanations:** Please provide additional information related to planned expenditures.

Project Expenses			
	Amount Requested from AMA	Total project expenses	Description of Expense
Salaries/Stipends	\$0 – Not allowable	\$	
Fringe Benefits	\$0 – Not allowable	\$	
Professional Services	\$	\$	
Travel	\$	\$	
Equipment	\$	\$	
Supplies	\$	\$	
Food/Beverages	\$	\$	
Printing/Production	\$	\$	
Photocopying	\$	\$	
Telephone	\$	\$	
Postage	\$	\$	
Evaluation	\$	\$	
Marketing	\$	\$	
Other/Miscellaneous	\$	\$	
Other/Miscellaneous	\$	\$	
Other/Miscellaneous	\$	\$	
Total	\$	\$	

Project Revenue			
	Committed	Pending	Description
Institutional support (i.e., medical institution)	\$	\$	
Government grants	\$	\$	
Foundation grants	\$	\$	
Corporate donations	\$	\$	
Professional Association support	\$	\$	
Individual donations	\$	\$	
Income from events or products	\$	\$	

In-kind support	\$	\$	
Other/Miscellaneous	\$	\$	
Total Revenue	\$	\$	

Budget Notes/Explanations	
Professional Services	
Travel	
Equipment	
Supplies	
Food/Beverages	
Printing/Production	
Photocopying	
Telephone	
Postage	
Evaluation	
Marketing	
Other/Miscellaneous	
Other/Miscellaneous	
Other/Miscellaneous	

Please include a personal statement of qualifications for/interest in this field:

Remember to submit additional required materials:

- 4-page biosketch, in the format of the National Institutes of Health, that includes educational background and training, experience and professional accomplishments, summary of relevant publications/presentations. **You must adhere to the four-page limit.**
- Supporting letter, discussing the merits of the applicant. Letters submitted by students or post-doctoral fellows should come from their faculty sponsor. Please note that the faculty sponsor cannot be a member of the research team. There are no other specifications for letters submitted by other applicants.

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NOTE: THE DEMOGRAPHIC SURVEY IS INCLUDED HERE FOR DISCUSSION PURPOSES. THIS INFORMATION WILL ONLY BE PRESENTED TO THE WPS GOVERNING COUNCIL AND AMA FOUNDATION BOARD IN AGGREGATE FORM ONLY AND NOT PRESENTED AS PART OF THE APPLICATION REVIEW MATERIALS.

Demographics

We request the following self-reported, optional demographic information. This information will **not** be used in the internal deliberation of applicants and may be reported in aggregate form only. Please complete a separate questionnaire for each interested applicant.

The following questions are optional:

Are you Hispanic?

- Yes
- No

What is your self-identified race?

- White
- Black
- Asian
- American Indian/Alaska Native
- Pacific Islander
- Other:
- Prefer not to respond

What is your gender identity?

- Male
- Female
- Transgender
- Other:
- Prefer not to respond

What is your sexual orientation?

- Bisexual
- Gay or lesbian
- Heterosexual/Straight
- Other:
- Prefer not to respond

Would you describe yourself as having a disability/being differently-abled?

- Yes
- No

Explain if desired:

ADDITIONAL QUESTION:

How did you learn about the Joan F. Giambalvo Fund for the Advancement of Women?

- Website
- E-Mail
- Social
- Colleague
- AMA Meeting
- Other (please describe)