



AMA Minority Affairs Section Governing Council Nomination Form – Medical Student

The AMA is committed to promoting diversity and inclusion in every facet of organized medicine and encourages you to consider nominating diverse candidates such as historically underrepresented minorities, women, and international medical graduates for positions on AMA councils/committees.

Term: One-year term, commencing June 2024. You must be a medical student and a member of the AMA throughout the term of service.

Time commitment: AMA Governing Councils typically meet three times each year, usually in June and November, with one other meeting date TBA. Governing Council members may also participate in regular conference calls.

Application deadline: 1:59 a.m. CT on December 17, 2023.

AMA’s Conflict of Interest Policy: Please review carefully the information provided at the end of this form.

Nominee Information

Name:	Bethel	D	Dest
	<small>First</small>	<small>Middle Initial</small>	<small>Last</small>
Address:	[Redacted]		
	<small>Street Address</small>		
City/State:	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
Telephone:	[Redacted]	Fax:	
	<small>Daytime Phone</small>		
Email address:	[Redacted]		
Date of Birth:	[Redacted]	Place of Birth:	[Redacted]
	<small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small>	<small>City and State</small>	
Medical School:	UTMB John Sealy School of Medicine		
Graduated:	2026	Medical Specialty:	N/A
Board Certification(s):	N/A		

Nominee is an AMA Member: Yes No

AMA Member Since:

Nominee is an AMA Delegate: Yes No

October 2023

Nominee has agreed to serve: Yes No

Submitted By: Bethel Desta

Name of person/organization submitting the nomination

Email Address:

[REDACTED]

Email address of person submitting the nomination

Supporting Information

1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

(i.e. practice, administrative, research, academic)

N/A

2. Current/Prior State and Specialty Medical Society Memberships and Affiliations, and Faculty Appointments

(List current and past roles and positions held and dates of service.)

N/A

3. Current/Prior Membership on AMA Councils/Committees:

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

N/A

4. Sponsor's Narrative Statement

(Describe nominee's accomplishments and contributions using not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

N/A

5. Candidate's Statement of Interest

(Not less than 50, nor more than 250 words.)

I am steadfastly committed to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion in healthcare and I am eager to contribute my skills and perspectives to further AMA's mission. I have had the privilege of working in diverse settings throughout college and medical school. I have witnessed the impact that culturally competent care and inclusivity can have on patient outcomes, and I want to support initiatives that address health disparities. As part of the board of the Student National Medical Association at UTMB, I have participated in events aimed at encouraging underrepresented minorities to consider a career in medicine. I am enthusiastic about the prospect of joining the Minority Affairs Section to be a part of a committee that celebrates diversity and amplifies underrepresented voices within the medical community. Thank you for your consideration.

6. Endorsements

(Are welcome, but not required.)

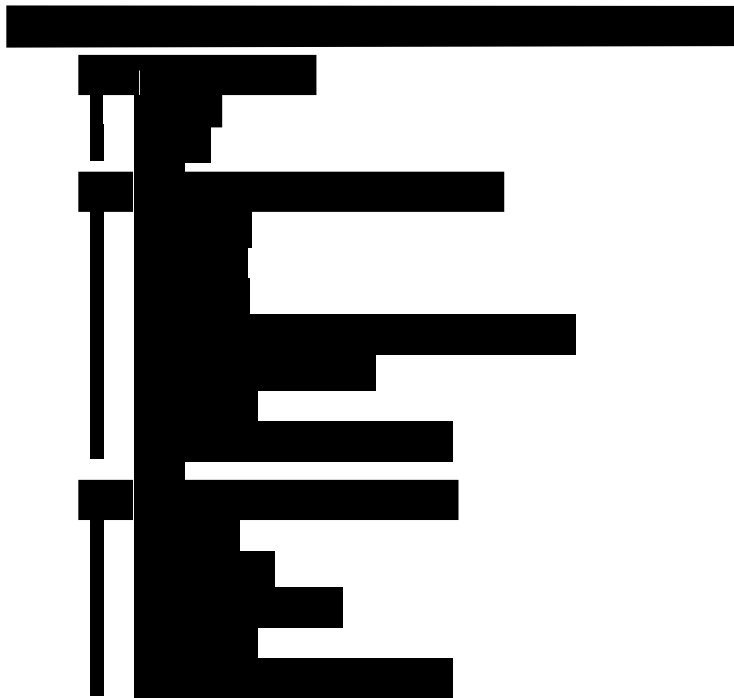
N/A

Diversity and Demographics

In order to attract the most diverse pool of candidates possible, we request the following self-reported diversity statement and optional demographic information. This information will be used in the internal deliberation of candidates and may be reported in aggregate form only. For applicants to organizations outside the AMA: this information will only be released to the organization to which you are seeking appointment (1) if you are the AMA's selected nominee and (2) if you provide permission to do so.**

7. Candidate's Diversity Statement. Please describe how you will bring diversity to the position for which you are applying.

I believe my background and experiences I have had in life has cultivated my ability to appreciate and respect people from all walks of life, and I bring that inclusive mindset to any team I am on. I am a first generation American, the first person in my family to go and graduate from college, and the first person to go to medical school/attend graduate school. As an Ethiopian-American I had a very different life growing up, which made me appreciate and celebrate the differences in others. Being the first, I did not have many resources to help guide me though college and medical school, but I still was able to make it happen. I grew up in Houston, which is a melting pot of different cultures that have helped me grow. Diversity goes beyond visible differences like race and gender, and includes varied educational and professional backgrounds, experiences, and ways of thinking. I am committed to inclusivity, and creating an atmosphere where everyone feels heard and respected. I want to participate in initiatives that promotive diversity and inclusion, so that I can learn to be a better physician that incorporates culturally competent care. I am passionate about women's health and addressing health disparities that target women of color, like maternal mortality. I want to be a mentor to people like me, and encourage people from underrepresented groups that if I can become a doctor, so can they. I hope to be part of a network that uplifts others, and makes the effort to diversify the physician workforce.





****Optional Release to External Organization Positions** – For AMA nomination opportunities for external leadership positions: To further our mission of ensuring diverse representation, the AMA asks nominees if they would like to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information they have provided to us with the external organization for the position for which they have applied.

Please indicate your decision below:

No. I choose NOT to authorize the AMA to share this diversity statement and optional demographic information on this form to any external organization.

Yes. I authorize the AMA to share the diversity statement and optional demographic information I have provided in this application with the external organization to which I am applying for a position. I understand that the AMA will only include this optional diversity information if I am selected as a nominee.

9. AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy

Please review carefully the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy](#).

All Council nominees must complete a conflict of interest disclosure form by **January 3, 2024**. Upon the AMA's receipt of your nomination submission, an email with details on how to access the disclosure form will be forthcoming. Your nomination materials will not be considered complete until your disclosure form has been completed and returned.

If you are seeking nomination/appointment to a leadership position in another organization, please also review carefully that organization's conflict of interest policy to determine that you will be able to comply. Please also familiarize yourself with the other organization's requirements/instructions for completion of any disclosure form.

If you have questions about the AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy, the AMA's Office of General Counsel (ogc@ama-assn.org) is available to provide guidance.

Please confirm, by signing below, that you have reviewed the [AMA's Conflict of Interest Policy and Principles](#), and understand the guidance provided above.

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Signature

_12/11/2023_____

Date

10. AMA Medical Student Section Nomination Addendum

The following additional materials are **required**:

- a. Dean/Advisor Signature (see next page)
Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your Dean or Advisor by signing the document attached below. Signature also confirms medical student is in good standing at their medical school.
- b. CV
Please attached candidate's executive curriculum vitae (no more than 3 pages).

The following additional materials are **optional**:

- c. Endorsements / Letters of Recommendation
You may include additional letters of recommendation. For example, you may include a letter of endorsement from a leader in organized medicine (i.e. your local or state medical society, specialty society, or AMA delegation who is familiar with your prior activities) or a supervisor or faculty member who can evaluate your professional aptitude.
- d. Notification of Dean
In the case of my appointment, I would like my Dean to receive a congratulatory letter, informing them of my selection.

Yes

No

If yes, please include your Dean's name, mailing address, and email address below:

Name:

Mailing address:

Email address:

Dean/Advisor Signature – Required

Candidates for AMA Governing Council positions must be medical students for the duration of their one-year terms, which commence June 2023. AMA Governing Councils typically meet three times each year, usually in June and November, with one other meeting date TBA. Governing Council members may also participate in regular conference calls.

Please acknowledge that you have discussed this time commitment and made appropriate arrangements with your Dean or Advisor by signing below. The signature of your Dean or Advisor is required (1) to verify that your medical school is supportive of your application, (2) to acknowledge the time commitment involved in an AMA Governing Council position and that you will be permitted to attend all required Governing Council meetings, (3) to verify that you are a student in good-standing with your medical school, and (4) to verify that you will be a medical student (or on approved leave from medical school) throughout your term as a Governing Council member.

Candidate signature:  12/11/23
Signature Date

Dean/Advisor signature:  12/11/23
Signature Date

Submit all application materials to mss@ama-assn.org by 1:59 a.m. CT on December 17, 2023.