



AMA Women Physicians 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. 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:	Talia	J	Thomas
	<small>First</small>	<small>Middle Initial</small>	<small>Last</small>
Address:	[Redacted]		
	<small>Street Address</small>		
	[Redacted]	[Redacted]	[Redacted]
Telephone:	<small>City</small>	<small>State</small>	<small>Zip Code</small>
	[Redacted]	Fax: n/a	
Email address:	<small>Daytime Phone</small> [Redacted]		
Date of Birth:	[Redacted]	Place of Birth:	[Redacted]
Medical School:	<small>(mm/dd/yyyy)</small> TCU Burnett School of Medicine	<small>City and State</small>	
Graduated:	2026	Medical Specialty:	n/a
Board Certification(s):	n/a		

Nominee is an AMA Member: Yes No

AMA Member Since: 2022

Nominee is an AMA Delegate: Yes No

Nominee has agreed to serve: Yes No

Submitted By: Talia Thomas

Name of person [Redacted]

Email address of person submitting the nomination

Supporting Information

1. Current Professional Position and Responsibilities

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

I am a second-year medical student at TCU Burnett School of Medicine. I am currently the Secretary for the Dermatology Student Interest Group and the Vice President of the Music and Performing Arts Student Interest Group. Through the Dermatology Student Interest Group, my fellow executive members and I are putting together a recurring skin cancer screening at Mercy Clinic which provides medical care to the underserved and uninsured. Through the Music and Performing Arts Student Interest Group, I am coordinating the establishment of an annual talent show for both students and faculty to participate, who's proceeds will be donated to Cook Children's Hospital. I am currently in the early stages of my four-year research thesis which will be under Dermatologist Dr. Angela Moore investigating skin infections in athletes. I am also working on research in the field of artificial intelligence, partnering with a student from TCU's business school who created DocuCare, an application to generate a physician style note and billing codes based off a recorded patient encounter. Our research will be geared towards assessing physician satisfaction with this application and the integration of artificial intelligence in medicine in general.

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.)

Other than my current AMA membership which I have held since 2022, I currently do not hold any additional medical society memberships or affiliations. If I am honored with the opportunity to join the Women Physician Section Governing Council, it will be my first experience in this field.

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

(List Councils or Committees and dates of service.)

I have been a member of the AMA since 2022, when I first matriculated at TCU Burnett School of Medicine.

4. Sponsor's Narrative Statement

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

5. Candidate's Statement of Interest

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

My interest in medicine stemmed from a simple, innocent interaction I had in the 8th grade with my mother's female physician while tagging along to her appointment. She had a joyful essence and seemed to be completely fulfilled taking care of my mother. At the time, I could not have imagined the troubles that she had faced to climb the ladder. As I grew older and became passionate about medicine through clinical experiences, I recognized the unique challenges that female physicians face including work-life balance and disparities in leadership and compensation. I prepared my medical school applications without hinting at the fact that I wanted to take on the role of a home maker and mother as well as a physician, because these dreams may have interfered with my admission. It was not until I visited TCU that I realized there was an opportunity to change this narrative. During the introduction, one of the female physicians on staff told a vulnerable story about getting pregnant in medical

school. She acknowledged the unrealistic expectation that females in medicine should not also strive to be mothers, and affirmed that that if any of us found ourselves in the same situation, we would be supported instead of ashamed. More programs need to prioritize this conversation. Unfortunately, family planning is only one of the many hurdles that aspiring female physicians face. Becoming a member of this council will give me the opportunity to champion advocacy for gender equity, mentorship, professional development, and work-life balance.

6. Endorsements

(Are welcome, but not required.)

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 am a first-generation female medical student. My father and grandparents immigrated from Uruguay to America in the 1980s. I am proud to have Latina blood and carry on the culture ingrained in me by my Father, Abuela, and Abuelo.

8.

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****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.

Talia Thomas
Signature

12/7/23
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: Dean Stuart Flynn

Mailing address:

Email address: [REDACTED]

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: Talia Thomas 12/7/23
Signature Date

Dean/Advisor signature: Stuart Flynn 12/9/2023
Signature Date

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