

Centennial Scholars Program Application

Program Purpose

The APTA Centennial Scholars Program is designed to build a cadre of future association leaders at both the chapter/section/academy and national levels. Demonstrating APTA's investment in the sustainability of the association as it begins its next 100 years, the program will support our collective quest for a diverse and prepared leadership pool.

The 12-month program will run throughout 2021 with a goal of engaging 100 scholars, including the goal of at least one scholar sponsored by each of APTA's chapters, sections, and academies. The curriculum will cover association leadership and management topics and be delivered through three face-to-face meetings and regularly scheduled virtual learning experiences. Additionally, scholars will work directly with their sponsoring chapter/section/academy to design and complete a capstone project that addresses an existing need as determined by the sponsor. Scholars will also benefit from the guidance of Centennial Scholar mentors who will work directly with the scholars in small groups to support the completion of their projects.

Application Deadline - July 15, 2020 at 11:59 pm

Expected Selection Notification Date - August 1, 2020

Eligibility and Application Requirements

1. Be a current PT, PTA, or Student Member of APTA at the time of application and throughout the 2021 Centennial year.
2. Be available to attend three in-person events [expenses paid by the sponsoring chapter/section/academy] and regularly scheduled virtual meetings. The in-person events are currently scheduled for:
 - a. January 16, 2021, New York, NY
 - b. April 2021 [exact date TBD] in Alexandria, VA
 - c. September 12, 2021 in Washington, D.C.
3. Commit to developing and completing a capstone project in collaboration with the sponsoring chapter/section/academy, which may extend beyond 2021.
4. Submit a completed application by the application deadline to Meera Parekh at mparekh428@gmail.com.

Required Application Materials

1. Completed application ***This may be completed entirely or partially in video format. Please contact Meera Parekh to arrange a method of delivery of your video, if you choose to submit one.
2. Resume or CV detailing educational, professional, and volunteer service experience.
3. One letter of recommendation from an individual familiar with your potential for future professional leadership

and your ability successfully complete a capstone project for your component

APTA CENTENNIAL SCHOLAR APPLICATION

1. Your Name and Title:
2. Additional Titles and Credentials:
3. Why are you applying to the Centennial Scholars Program?
4. What specific skills and strengths do you bring to the program that will serve APTA Alaska and the profession?
5. What unique contributions do you think you would make to APTA's and APTA Alaska's leadership pool?
6. Describe a key past experience that contributed to your interest in leadership development, including how it contributed. The experience does not necessarily have to be physical therapy-related.
7. What do you value most as an APTA member?