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AAAOM-SO Essay Contest Win a \$1000 Scholarship

The AAAOM-SO represents and advocates nationwide on behalf of all acupuncture and Oriental medicine students, while endeavoring to provide opportunities for your professional growth and development. As part of that mission, the AAAOM student organization has been working to develop more scholarship opportunities. This year, the SO is initiating the first of an annual scholarship program: The AOM Future Leaders Essay Contest.

Scholarship Award includes:

- \$1000 Scholarship
- Publishing the winning essay in *The American Acupuncturist* and/or the *Qi Unity Report*
- Free student admission to the 2011 AAAOM World Conference on AOM and Integrative Medicine, in Washington D.C.
- Free banquet ticket at the 2010 Conference

Judges: Three judges will evaluate the essays submitted. Each judge will be a practitioner of AOM and an active member of the AAAOM.

Essay Topic: *How do you foresee the integration of AOM in mainstream U.S. health care affecting the overall health of the U.S. society? Name and describe/discuss three ways you see this change occurring.*

Three simple requirements need to be met. All candidates must be:

1. AAAOM-SO student members in good standing
2. Currently acquiring a master's degree in acupuncture or Oriental medicine at an ACAOM accredited institution and
3. Enrolled as full-time AOM student

All submissions will be judged on the quality of content, clarity of thought, presentation, and originality of work. The top **two finalists** will be announced **March 15th**, and they will receive free tickets to the **2010 AAAOM Annual Banquet April 9th at 7pm**, which is held in conjunction with the AAAOM Conference and Expo in Albuquerque, New Mexico. The winner of the scholarship will be announced that evening. (**Attendance is not**

mandatory for the scholarship to be awarded.)

Essay Guidelines:

1. Length: 1500 to 2500 words
2. Cover page: name, address, email, school, date of graduation, date of submission
3. Use either endnotes or references. See the following:

a. Endnotes

Endnotes should be noted in numerical order (use only superscript numbers) within the text and then listed at the end of the manuscript. **Do NOT use footnotes.**

b. References

If cited within the text, references should be cited by author(s) and date in parentheses. These references should be listed in proper format at the end of the essay, arranged alphabetically.

For further reference information, consult the *NLM style guide*:

<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/bv.fcgi?rid=citmed.TOC&depth=2>

4. If the essay is published in *The American Acupuncturist*, it becomes the copyrighted property of the AAAOM. Written permission must be obtained from the AAAOM to publish in other journals. Copyright reverts to the author one year following publication in *The American Acupuncturist*, but AAAOM retains all rights to reprint in any media format.
5. Essays should be emailed to jhabeck@aaaomonline.org ***no later than February 19, 2010, 5pm PST.*** USPS mailed copies of the essays will not be accepted.

Important Dates

- **Launch:** December 28, 2010
- **Submission Deadline:** February 19, 2010

We look forward to receiving your entries.

Happy Holidays!

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