



Society of '67

Thomas D. Kinney Scholars 2026 Program

2026 PROGRAM INFORMATION

The Society of '67 Kinney Scholars Program was named in 2021 to honor Dr. Thomas D. Kinney. Dr. Kinney was especially committed to education and training, [one of the founders of the Association](#), and a legendary pathologist and mentor to many.

THE SOCIETY OF '67 THOMAS D. KINNEY SCHOLARS PROGRAM provides an opportunity for medical students and/or pathology residents to familiarize themselves with career opportunities in pathology and the critical role of pathology in healthcare delivery, research, and education. Kinney Scholars in the program participate in the [AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting](#) at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts, where they will gain insight from national leaders in academic pathology.

THE 2026 SOCIETY OF '67 KINNEY SCHOLARS WILL:

- receive an immersive experience in the **development of innovative approaches** to medical education and academic pathology practice;
- learn about **advocacy and outreach** efforts for pathology and laboratory medicine stakeholders; and
- interact with the **leaders of academic pathology**, bringing a trainee's perspective to the Association.

REQUIREMENTS OF KINNEY SCHOLARS:

- attend the [AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting](#) sessions;
- participate in designated Kinney Scholar activities, starting on Sunday, July 19, 2026;
- attend the Awards Lunch Program on Wednesday, July 22, 2026;
- be recognized as a Society of '67 Kinney Scholar throughout the program (in person, print, and photos);
- provide a post-conference brief report of their experiences; and
- comply with the [AAPath Code of Conduct](#) throughout the meeting.

The Society of '67 will provide meeting registration, which covers meals offered during the program, and lodging for three nights at the Hilton Boston Park Plaza Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

VISIT THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION AT: www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-scholars



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APPLICATION INSTRUCTIONS

ELIGIBILITY:

- Applicants must be medical students or pathology residents beyond PGY-1 at the time of the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting (July 19-22, 2026) from an AAPath member department in good standing (current dues paid).
- Current fourth-year medical students who will be first-year residents (PGY-1) at the time of AAPath 2026 are **not** eligible to apply.
- If multiple medical students from the same medical school are interested in applying, the AAPath member Department Chair must select only **one** medical school student to submit their application.
- If multiple pathology residents from the same residency program are interested in applying, the AAPath member Residency Program Director must select only **one** pathology resident to submit their application.

LETTER OF RECOMMENDATION DETAILS:

- **For Pathology Resident Applicants:** a letter from either their Residency Program Director or their Pathology Department Chair at an AAPath member department.
- **For Medical Student Applicants:** a letter from the Pathology Department Chair (AAPath member department) is preferred, but a letter from a Pathology Faculty Mentor or Course Director within the member department is also acceptable.

The Letter of Recommendation must be submitted no later than the December 31st deadline. The letter can be submitted by the person writing your letter directly to our Awards email

(awards@academicpathology.org), or if you are given a copy, uploaded into this online application form.

Please be sure to have the Chair, Program Director, or Faculty Mentor/Course Director include:

- Why you are deserving of this Kinney Scholar Award;
- Permission to travel and attend the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting from Sunday, July 19 through Wednesday, July 22, 2026; and
- (a) Commitment to support travel expenses (air, ground, non-conference meals, etc.) OR (b) request for travel support (up to \$500) from the Society of '67, for the applicant, if selected to participate in the Society of '67 Kinney Scholars Program based on the departmental inability to cover these costs.
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SUBMISSION CHECKLIST: Complete this **online application form** that includes uploading your:

1. **Resume/CV;**
2. **Letter of Recommendation**, if you are given a copy, OR request the person writing your letter of recommendation to submit by email directly to our Awards email (awards@academicpathology.org) no later than the deadline; and
3. **Headshot photo** at 600x600 pixels (jpeg or png format, <10MB).

DEADLINE: Wednesday, December 31, 2025, 5:00pm (Eastern). **NOTIFICATIONS:** April 2026

QUESTIONS? Visit: www.academicpathology.org/m-s67-scholars or contact Mel Limson at: awards@academicpathology.org or 302.660.4944.



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APPLICATION FORM

* 1. Applicant Contact Information:

First Name:	
Last Name:	
Degree(s):	
Email Address:	
Phone:	
Institution/Affiliation (do not abbreviate):	
City:	
State:	

* 2. Academic Level (as of July 2026)

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| ☐ 1st year Medical Student | ☐ PGY-2 |
| ☐ 2nd year Medical Student | ☐ PGY-3 |
| ☐ 3rd year Medical Student | ☐ PGY-4 |
| ☐ 4th year Medical Student | |

* 3. What are your career goals?

* 4. **What are your interests in attending the AAPath 2026 Annual Meeting?**

* 5. **What do you expect to achieve in participating as a Scholar at AAPath 2026?**

* 6. **What are your interests in academic pathology, if any?**

7. **Indicate if you are a member of, or involved at a leadership level in, any student interest groups or medical associations:**

* 8. Please upload your resume/CV (10MB max as a .pdf, .doc, or .docx).

Please label your submitted file as follows: LastName, FirstInitial_S67Scholar_CV.pdf

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* 9. Please upload a headshot photo at 600x600 pixels.

Please label your submitted file as follows: LastName, FirstInitial_S67Scholar_Photo.jpeg

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* 10. **Letter of Recommendation.** *Indicate the full name, email address, and role of the person you have asked to submit a letter of recommendation on your behalf. Letters must include (1) why you are deserving of this award, (2) permission to attend AAPath 2026, and (3) either (a) a commitment from the department, institution, or some other mechanism to support your travel expenses OR (b) request for travel support (up to \$500) from the Society of '67. The letter must be submitted no later than December 31st directly to our Awards email at: awards@academicpathology.org or, if you are given a copy, uploaded below when you complete this online form.*

First Name of LOR
writer:

Last Name of LOR
writer:

Degree(s) of LOR
writer:

Email Address of LOR
writer:

* 11. What role does the person you have asked to write a letter of recommendation serve?

- ☐ Pathology Department Chair
- ☐ Residency Program Director
- ☐ Pathology Faculty Mentor or Course Director

* 12. Identify the support for your travel expenses (select one)

- ☐ Department, institution, or other mechanism will support travel expenses
- ☐ Requesting travel support (up to \$500) from the Society of '67

13. If you are given a copy of your Letter of Recommendation, please upload. Otherwise, please request that the letter be emailed directly to our Awards email at: awards@academicpathology.org by the December 31st deadline.

Please label your submitted file as follows: LastName, FirstInitial_S67Scholar_LOR.pdf

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