Frequently Asked Questions

Q: How long will my service be if I am in a dual degree program such as an MD/PhD?

A: Your term will still be a maximum of 3 years or until you graduate (whichever comes first).

Q: Can I still remain active in my local chapter?

A: Yes, but your engagement with MSFC staff must not be as a chapter leader. If accepted to the board, the staff can help you with the leadership transition process at your school.

Q: Are expenses for travel, lodging, and food covered?

A: Yes, travel to board meetings and conferences will be paid for by the organization. Hotel reservations and fees will also be handled by staff. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Q: Can I apply if my term would only be one year (e.g. third year medical student in a four year program)?

A: Yes, the board has accepted applicants who have only served one year in the past.

Q: How much are board members expected to give?

A: MSFC takes great pride in the fact that we have 100% staff and 100% board giving. We ask each board member to donate an amount that is meaningful to them.

Q: What happens after I submit my application?

A: The Nominating Committee will review and score your application. Applicants who progress to the next round will have two phone interviews with current board members sometime in February and/or March. These applicants will then be contacted in April after their application is reviewed at the spring board meeting.

Q: My school does not have an official MSFC chapter, can I still apply?

A: Yes.

Q. Can I reapply for a position on the board?

A. Yes

Q: I have no prior board experience. Should I still apply?

A: Yes. The board seeks members who are passionate about MSFC who also have past experiences that would be an asset to the board. It is not necessary to have had prior board experience.

Q: I am interested in the president-elect position, but think I should serve on the board before applying. How does the Board view internal candidates to the presidency?

A: The Nominating Committee welcomes applications from all medical students interested and qualified to serve in the presidential positions, regardless of whether they have had experience on MSFC's board or not.