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The 2026 Al Marshall “Commitment to the Future” Fellows Scholarship

In honor of Al Marshall, who has dedicated more than 25 years to partnering with the epilepsy community for the betterment of individuals impacted by seizures.

This scholarship will provide one deserving Fellow an opportunity to attend the 2026 American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting by covering all travel and registration costs.

Learning Objectives

Through attendance and active participation in the meeting December 4-8, 2026, in Denver, Colorado, the fellow should:

- be informed about the latest research developments in epilepsy, which may be applied in clinical care and human therapy in the near future;
- better understand the public health implications of epilepsy and the impact of the disease on patients, communities, and health systems; and
- better understand diagnosis and treatment, including novel diagnostic methods and therapeutic modalities, of various manifestations of epilepsy and common comorbidities to enhance clinical practice and improve patient outcomes.

Eligibility

An applicant for this scholarship must have a doctoral-level degree, e.g., MD or PhD or equivalent and be either:

- A clinical fellow enrolled at the time of the meeting (December 4-8, 2026) in a relevant neurology, neurology subspecialty, or neurological surgery fellowship program approved by the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education at an institution in the United States, or

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- A postdoctoral research fellow at the time of the meeting (December 4-8, 2026) in neuroscience another field relevant to epilepsy at an established academic or non-profit research institution in the United States.

Unfortunately, healthcare providers **licensed in Massachusetts, Minnesota, or Vermont are not eligible** for this scholarship due to state regulations restricting payments or transfers of value to healthcare professionals when funds originate from pharmaceutical companies.

Individuals who are undergraduates, graduate students, medical students, or medical residents **are not eligible**.

The recipient must not receive overlapping or duplicative funding from any other source, including but not limited to awards, grants, or other reimbursements, to offset costs of attending the 2026 American Epilepsy Society Annual Meeting covered by this scholarship.

Key Dates

Step in process	Date
Application portal opens	July 13, 2026
Applications due	August 24, 2026
Scholarship recipient notified	September 24, 2026
Recipient must register for the meeting by	October 6, 2026

Application Process and Content

Applications will only be accepted through the online submission system, Proposal Central. In the Proposal Central system, the applicant will be known as the Principal Investigator (PI). Applicants must submit all required components:

- PI's (applicant's) contact information (home and institution addresses)
 - ORCID (optional)
- PI's (applicant's) race and ethnicity (optional)
- Fellowship program specialty and expected completion date
- States of licensure if a licensed healthcare professional
- National Provider Identifier (NPI) number (if applicable)
- Applicant statement, up to 4,000 characters
- NIH biosketch or curriculum vitae (CV) of no more than 5 pages
- Letter of reference from fellowship program director, postdoctoral mentor, or equivalent
 - **Begin the application early** because the letter of reference must be requested through Proposal Central on the online application. The letter of reference can and should be requested through Proposal Central before the rest of the application is completed.

Review Criteria

Applications will be evaluated by a group of individuals identified by the TSC Alliance comprised of healthcare professionals, researchers, and community members experienced with epilepsy and familiar with the AES Annual Meeting.

- Applicant statement: Is it clear how and why participation in the AES Annual Meeting will further their training and career goals? Is the fellow's dedication to epilepsy clear?
- Letter of Reference: Does the letter come from an appropriate person, and does it clearly indicate support for the fellow and indicate that participation in the AES Annual Meeting will be of benefit to the fellow's career goals?

Acknowledgement

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