veterinarian’s OATH

Being admitted to the profession of veterinary medicine, I solemnly swear to use my scientific knowledge and skills for the benefit of society through the protection of animal health and welfare, the prevention and relief of animal suffering, the conservation of animal resources, the promotion of public health, and the advancement of medical knowledge.

I will practice my profession conscientiously, with dignity, and in keeping with the principles of veterinary medical ethics.

I accept as a lifelong obligation the continual improvement of my professional knowledge and competence.

Approved by the HOD, 1954; Revision approved by the HOD, 1969; Revision approved by the Executive Board 1999, 2010

www.avma.org/savma
what is SAVMA?

Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA)
The Student American Veterinary Medical Association (SAVMA) was created in 1969 as the national organization for veterinary students, in order to foster communication between individual chapters. Currently, SAVMA is comprised of:

- 35 Student Chapters of the AVMA (SCAVMA)
  - 30 in the U.S.
  - 1 in Canada
  - 2 in the Caribbean
  - 2 in the United Kingdom
- 1 Student Associates of the AVMA (SAAVMA) in the Caribbean

In total SAVMA represents over 15,000 veterinary student members and its mission is to enhance the veterinary profession, to educate the public, and to promote contact and exchange of ideas between veterinary students, veterinarians and the parent organization, the American Veterinary Medical Association (AVMA).

How SAVMA Works
SAVMA is led by an Executive Board (EB) and a House of Delegates (HOD), consisting of two representatives from each of the 35 student chapters, 3 satellite campuses and 1 associate organization. The HOD is the legislative body of SAVMA and represents the voice of its student members. They meet twice a year—at the AVMA Convention and the SAVMA Symposium. The EB is made up of the national SAVMA officers that are elected by the HOD.

Learn more about SAVMA at avma.org/savma
Student Chapter of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) and Student Associates of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAAVMA)

Student Chapters of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SCAVMA) are organizations representing student members at a college of veterinary medicine accredited or approved by the Council on Education. Student Associates of the American Veterinary Medical Association (SAAVMA) are associate organizations representing student members at non-accredited schools.

Eligible students may become members of SCAVMA/SAAVMA if they are full-time students of veterinary medicine who are enrolled in a program of study leading to a professional veterinary degree to be granted by their college.

Find a complete listing of all Student Chapters and Associate organizations at avma.org/savma

Local SCAVMA/SAAVMA organizations provide numerous benefits, including:

- Lectures and other education experiences
- Camaraderie among fellow veterinary students
- Networking opportunities
- Local volunteer experience
- Leadership development opportunities
- Opportunity to be the voice of veterinary students/represent your college, and much more!

Why join the Student AVMA (SAVMA)?

Your school’s Chapter or Associate organization is your link to all the privileges and resources available in the Student AVMA (SAVMA), including:

- Opportunities to gain additional professional knowledge and an understanding of professional ethics and conduct
- Access to organizations representing specialized areas of interest
- SAVMA helps improve communication between the local student organizations (SCAVMAs) and gives a national voice to veterinary students around the world
- International students attending a school without a SCAVMA or SAAVMA are eligible to join as student associate members
- SAVMA members gain a higher degree of professionalism and help the public acquire a broader knowledge of the veterinary profession
- All SAVMA members who graduate in good standing with their local SCAVMA or SAAVMA receive complimentary AVMA membership upon graduation

Join today at avma.org/savma

What is the AVMA and what does it do?

The American Veterinary Medical Association is the professional organization for veterinarians. It is a not-for-profit professional association that serves as a collective voice for its more than 88,000 member veterinarians and the U.S. veterinary profession. The AVMA’s vision is to be the trusted leader in protecting, promoting and advancing a strong, unified veterinary profession that meets the needs of society. Its mission is to lead the profession by advocating for its members and advancing the science and practice of veterinary medicine to improve animal and human health.

Learn more at avma.org

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Benefits of SAVMA Membership

Reduced subscription rates for AVMA journals: Journal of the AVMA (JAVMA) and the American Journal of Veterinary Research (AJVR)

- $40 for a yearly subscription to JAVMA or AJVR. That’s a savings of at least $200 per year, per journal!
- Subscribers also have access to search online journals at avmajournals.avma.org

Advocating for the Profession

AVMA Governmental Relations Division (GRD)

The GRD advocates the AVMA’s policies and positions on federal legislative and regulatory issues that influence animal and human health and advance the veterinary medical profession. Get involved with GRD. Find out more at avma.org/advocacy

AVMA/SAVMA Legislative Fly-In

Students have the opportunity to visit our nation’s capital to learn about our political process and grassroots advocacy, and advocate on behalf of veterinarians and student veterinarians across the country! For more information visit avma.org/advocacy/getinvolved

SAVMA Awards, Competitions and Scholarships

Numerous awards and scholarship opportunities are available for student members in a variety of categories. Learn more at avma.org/savma
- Animal Welfare/Human Animal Bond
- Education and Professional Development
- Governmental Affairs
- Integrative Communications and Diversity
- International Veterinary Experience
- Public Health and Community Outreach
- Visit The Vet Gazette to read about all the great things vet students are doing, and possibly earn a stipend by sharing your experiences at thevetgazette.com

For a complete listing of the numerous benefits of SAVMA membership, visit avma.org/savma
Free AVMA Membership for Recent Graduates!

Student Chapter of the AVMA (SCAVMA) and Student Associates of the AVMA (SAAVMA) members in good standing who meet their SCAVMA/SAAVMA requirements and have paid membership dues for all years in veterinary school at the time of graduation will be granted automatic membership to the AVMA upon graduation at no cost.

This means:

• No application to file and no AVMA Member dues to pay for the remainder of the year of graduation (approximate $100 value)
• Two additional years of 50% reduced AVMA recent-graduate membership dues ($165 versus $330 in 2016) to help lessen the financial burden placed upon recent grads
• Free registration to the AVMA Convention the year you graduate (over $500 value)
• Credit for one free registration to the AVMA Annual Convention valid within the next five years following graduation (over $500 value)
• Access to the members-only section of the AVMA website, including an invitation to the Early Career Online Community at avma.org/recentgrad

American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF)

The AVMF is the charitable arm of the AVMA, helping veterinarians help animals through education, advocacy, service and research programs and activities. Visit AVMF.org to learn more about scholarships and other career-enhancing opportunities for veterinary students.

The AVMF offers scholarships and other honors for current veterinary students!

• One of the largest providers of veterinary student scholarships
• Funds externships offered by the American Veterinary Medical Association
• Assists the AVMA in awarding research grants to veterinary students

Volunteer opportunities include:

• Our Oath in Action — As a veterinary student, you are invited to organize or participate in an animal health community outreach event. Projects can range from medical care for animals in need, to animal shelter restoration, educational pet fairs, community needs programs and other projects that promote the well-being and medical care of animals.
• Committee Opportunities — Leadership opportunities are available to students interested in serving on one of AVMF’s committees. If interested, complete the volunteer survey at AVMF.org/forms/volunteer

AVMA PLIT

For over 50 years, the AVMA PLIT has been supporting veterinarians and students with professional liability and business insurance solutions designed for and by veterinarians. With us, you will always have experienced veterinarians by your side, protecting you through it all.

The PLIT is honored to sponsor the liability insurance you need while you are in veterinary school. As a key SAVMA member benefit, coverage is at no cost to you. Student liability protects you during your clinical experiences (externships, preceptorships, part-time or volunteer work, even during your first year). Students must apply online to be eligible. Apply in one easy step at avmaplit.com/students. You must be a current SAVMA member. Have your SAVMA ID member number ready.

AVMA LIFE Trust (formerly AVMA GHLIT)

AVMA LIFE is the only personal insurance network designed for and by veterinarians. Our student product offerings include:

• Student Basic Protection Package* — includes a rabies prophylaxis benefit, life insurance and disability income protection in the event you have to take a leave from classes
• Graduate Guarantee Package* — available to graduating veterinary students includes life and disability income insurance without medical underwriting. In addition the first six months of the premium can be financed at a low 4% interest rate
• Supplemental Disability for Educational Expense Obligations* — may help you repay education expenses (including student loans) if you suffer a covered total disability
• Student Debt Refinancing — refinance your student debt through our partnership with Credible
• Hospital Indemnity* — may be used to help supplement your income when you have inpatient or outpatient medical procedures
• Dental and Vision
• AVMA LIFE C.A.R.E. Insurance Exchange/Marketplace — review, compare and enroll in medical coverage

For information or help, contact your school agent, visit avmalife.com or call 800-621-6360.

* These programs are underwritten by New York Life Insurance Company (New York, NY 10010).
SAVMA Educational Symposium

SAVMA membership includes an invitation to the SAVMA Symposium held each year in March. SAVMA Symposium is designed to expose students to areas of veterinary medicine that are not usually covered in their regular curricula, and promote networking among future colleagues.

Join over 1,000 students for three days to:

- Attend lectures and interactive labs that supplement your school’s curriculum
- Meet and compete with other veterinary schools in academic and athletic events
- Network with future colleagues and friends

Upcoming Symposia include:

SAVMA Symposium 2017

SAVMA Symposium 2018

AVMA Convention

Vet students receive FREE advanced registration to the AVMA Convention held July/August each year. Student attendees gain professional knowledge, have access to outstanding scientific and practice management sessions and network with practicing veterinarians and AVMA leadership.

Learn more at avmaconvention.org

Upcoming AVMA Conventions:

- San Antonio ................................................................. August 5–9, 2016
- Indianapolis ............................................................... July 21–25, 2017
- Denver ........................................................................... July 13–17, 2018
- Washington, D.C......................................................... August 2–6, 2019
AVMA Externship Opportunities

AVMA GRD Externship in Washington, D.C.

Application Deadline: October 14, 2016

- Ten $1,200 stipends for the 4-week program funded by the AVMA
- Open to all members of the Student AVMA who have completed two years of veterinary school
- Meet with veterinarians currently serving in a variety of roles for the United States government and lobby for your profession with legislators and staffers on Capital Hill

Visit externsonthehill.com or call 800.321.1473

AVMA Student Externship Stipend

Application Deadline: January 20, 2017

- Fifteen $1,000 stipends will be awarded in Spring 2017 if funded by the AVMF and AVMA
- Open to all members of the Student AVMA who have completed their first year
- To apply, the student must have secured an externship in a nonclinical or food supply veterinary practice

Visit avma.org/externships or call 224.213.5455

AVMA Headquarters Externship in Schaumburg, IL

Application Deadline: January 20, 2017

- Ten $1,500–$2,000 stipends will be awarded in 2017 for a 3–4 week program funded by the AVMF and AVMA with five stipends dedicated specifically to those students interested in the AVMA Economics Division
- Open to all members of the Student AVMA
- Developed for students who would like to explore the opportunities in organized veterinary medicine by working with different divisions of the AVMA Headquarters in Schaumburg, IL

Visit avma.org/externships or call 800.248.2862, ext. 6693

AVMA Student Externship Locator

Search through hundreds of externship possibilities that help build your knowledge within veterinary medicine. The Student Externship Locator is a resource of the AVMA’s Veterinary Career Center. View externships by State, Special Interest or see what Schools and Organizations have to offer at avma.org/vccexternships

The AVMA offers vast opportunities for students looking for hands-on working experience.
**SAVMA Directories**

Connect with other Student Chapters through the online map of Student Chapters and also connect with your SAVMA Executive Board members, SCAVMA President and SAVMA Delegates. SAVMA organizational documents, committee web pages and historical information can also be found online at [avma.org/savma](http://avma.org/savma).

**SAVMA International Exchange Opportunities**

As a member of SAVMA, you are automatically a member of the International Veterinary Student Association (IVSA). Being a member of IVSA allows you to expand your educational knowledge by participating in an international exchange opportunity. Learn more at [avma.org/internationalexchange](http://avma.org/internationalexchange).

**SAVMA One Health Project**

Each year, the SAVMA One Health Project provides financial support to veterinary schools across the nation for local One Health events that aim to promote the One Health concept through collaborative partnerships between veterinary medicine and other health professions. For more information please visit [avma.org/savma](http://avma.org/savma) and select the SAVMA One Health Project Link.

**AVMA Veterinary Career Center (VCC)**

The veterinary profession’s most extensive online employment website!

- Browse through hundreds of current open positions
- Post your resume, making it available to hundreds of employers
- Set up a personalized e-mail notifications for e-mail alerts to new jobs that meet your criteria

The AVMA VCC team is ready to answer your questions about starting salaries and benefits, as well as emerging career opportunities for veterinarians. Visit [avma.org/vcc](http://avma.org/vcc) or call 800.248.2862, ext. 6679

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