



Scholarship Nomination Request for Cardiovascular Board Review for Initial Certification and Recertification

August 15-19, 2026

We invite you to participate in a scholarship program to enhance preparation for the board examinations of the trainees in your cardiovascular training program. As program directors, we understand the daunting effort to ensure that cardiovascular trainees become knowledgeable in all aspects of cardiovascular diseases and pass the American Board of Internal Medicine Cardiovascular Disease Certification Examination.

We, and others, have found that fellows are able to obtain a comprehensive review of a broad range of subjects by frequent interaction and discussion with their peers. One successful tactic has been to identify a 2nd or 3rd year fellow who can conduct frequent “board review” sessions with their colleagues and cover all aspects of cardiovascular diseases.

We would like to support this concept by offering a scholarship to exceptional fellows to attend our *Mayo Clinic Cardiovascular Board Review Course*, August 15 – 19, 2026 in Rochester, Minnesota. This is a five-day course with additional online content that covers all areas of cardiovascular diseases through both didactic teaching and interactive board-style question and answer sessions. Scholarship recipients receive free in-person tuition for the 2026 board review. Recipients have the option of staying for a post-course Echo Focus Session on August 20, 2026. More detailed information about the course is available at:
<https://cveducation.mayo.edu/store/cardiovascular-board-review-for-initial-certification-and-recertification>.

The scholarship program has received great support from fellowship program directors across the nation. Prior scholarship recipients appreciated the opportunity for learning, the financial support, and the ability to interface with key speakers in our course. The scholarship program has proven to be a unique and collegial opportunity for our up-and-coming rising educators to meet other leaders in our field.

If you are interested in nominating **one** of your outstanding fellows for this program, please submit a letter of recommendation, the fellow’s current curriculum vitae, personal statement from candidate, and a complete application form to:

Mayo Clinic – CVBR Scholarship Program

ATTN: Ms. Kara Firzlaff

[E-mail: Firzlaff.Kara@mayo.edu](mailto:Firzlaff.Kara@mayo.edu)

You may nominate a fellow who graduates your program in June, 2026. We will give preference to candidates who are part of a general or advanced cardiology fellowship or in practice at an academic institution at the time of the course, i.e., August, 2026. We will also base selection on the candidate’s interest in education and leadership that the candidate has demonstrated. **The deadline for receipt of all application materials is May 11, 2026.** We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Michael W. Cullen, M.D., Jeffrey B. Geske, M.D., and Amy W. Pollak, M.D.
Course Directors



Scholarship Application
**Cardiovascular Board Review for Initial Certification
and Recertification**

August 15 – 19, 2026

Deadline: May 11, 2026

Requirements *(all documents must be submitted together):*

- Complete application form
- Letter of recommendation from training director
- Personal statement of career interest from applicant
- Current curriculum vitae

**Scholarship provides
course registration fee only**

*The recipient is responsible for air travel,
lodging accommodations, and all other
incidentals associated with attendance.*

Applicant information:

Name: _____ Institution: _____

Mailing address:

Home Address Work Address

Institution: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Daytime Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Fellowship details:

Fellowship start date: _____ / _____ Fellowship end date: _____ / _____

Position as of August, 2026: _____

Training program director information:

Name: _____ Institution: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone: _____

Return complete application by May 11, 2026 to:

Mayo Clinic – CVBR Scholarship
Program ATTN: Ms. Kara Firzlaff
E-mail: Firzlaff.Kara@mayo.edu

Please submit all application components together – do not submit separately.