

2026 Award Application



Karin M. Muraszko Honor Your Mentor Fund

Applications for the **Karin M. Muraszko Mentorship Award** are being accepted by the **AANS/CNS Section on Women in Neurosurgery (WINS)** through the **Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF)**.

Fund Purpose To help develop leaders in neurosurgery by providing mentoring and didactic education.

Award Description Awardee will have the opportunity for networking and mentorship with leaders and members of WINS during exclusive events held at the AANS Annual Scientific Meeting on Saturday, May 2, 2026:

- Invitation to WINS Breakfast
- Access to Louise Eisenhardt Lecture
- Tour of AANS Annual Scientific Meeting exhibit hall
- Private lunch with WINS leadership

Amount of Award \$1,000 honorarium, plus reimbursement of travel expenses (up to \$2,000)

Application Deadline Submit application to info@nref.org by **Friday, December 19, 2025**. Award notification is planned for February 2026.

Eligibility Applicants must be female medical students in good standing enrolled in an accredited program in the United States, Canada or Mexico and have completed at least one (1) year of medical school by the start of the 2026 AANS Annual Scientific Meeting in San Antonio, TX. (May 1-4, 2026).

Reporting A summary (minimum: 500 words) report is required within forty (40) days of completion.

I. General Information:

Applicant _____

Address (at which you receive mail) _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Zip/Postal Code _____

Phone _____ E-mail: _____

II. Documents – The following documents are required as part of this application:

- **Applicant Statement/Goals** – Submit an essay that 1) highlights your experiences and accomplishments in academics (please include any leadership, research, and/or volunteer work), and 2) describes your interest in neurosurgery (please include your career goals, where you see yourself in ten years, and how your selection as an Awardee will help you attain your goals.) (Maximum: 500 words)
- **Curriculum Vitae** – *Include* positions, awards and honors, volunteer and/or scientific research experience, highlighting your accomplishments and aspirations.
- **Photo** – Please submit a high-resolution photo in JPG format.

III. Agreement of Responsibility:

I have reviewed this application for an NREF Honor Your Mentor Fund Award and to the best of my knowledge, the information enclosed is accurate. I agree to release and hold harmless the Neurosurgery Research & Education Foundation (NREF), its members, officers, and agents from any complaints or claims or demands for damage or otherwise, by reason of any act of omission or commission that they may make in connection with this application, including but not limited to the evaluation of the application and the final decision with respect to its approval and/or funding. It is understood that the decisions as to whether this application qualifies me for approval and/or funding rests solely and exclusively on the NREF Board of Directors, based on the recommendations of the NREF Fund Manager(s), and that their decision is final. I understand that I will be legally bound by the foregoing.

Applicant: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____