

SASKATCHEWAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

STUDENT LEADER OF THE YEAR

Program Parameters

The Saskatchewan Medical Association (SMA) Student Leader of the Year is awarded annually to a student in good standing in year four of the medicine program in the College of Medicine at the University of Saskatchewan, and who has demonstrated significant leadership skills and contribution to the medical learners and or/health care and wider communities. The SMA Student Leader of the Year is an exemplary role model to medical learners and others.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Student must be an SMA member.
- Student must be living in Saskatchewan at time of nomination, and registered in the medicine program at the University of Saskatchewan.
- Demonstrated success in leadership roles and evidence of contributions focused on enhancing the medical learning, health care or wider communities.
- Contributions can be made in the professional or personal spheres.
- Contributions can be made at either a community, district, provincial, national or international level.

Nominations:

- There must be two nominators.
- Nomination Deadline: **Friday, August 7, 2026**
- Nominations must include:
 - A completed nomination form signed by both nominators.
 - A summary of the candidate's achievements.
 - Two (2) letters of reference.

Adjudication:

- Nominations will be reviewed by the SMA Nomination and Appointments Committee and adjudicated by the SMA Board of Directors.
- Decision criteria will include:
 - Type of contribution.
 - Impact on target population.
 - Alignment with the spirit of the award.

Recognition:

- The student will receive a recognition plaque/award.
- All expenses paid for travel to and attendance (including accommodations) at the annual awards ceremony of the Saskatchewan Medical Association (held in conjunction with the SMA Fall Representative Assembly).
- Recipient will receive local, regional, and provincial media attention as well as social recognition.