

## GHHS Activity Grant – Call for Proposals

Do you have a GHHS Chapter initiative that could use some funding to get off the ground?

The Gold Humanism Honor Society is always accepting proposals for a **GHHS Chapter Activity Grant**. Grant applications are accepted on a rolling basis and it's not too late to apply for projects that will be implemented starting in 2022. The grant period will be based on the project's needs. Projects must be connected to a GHHS chapter and involve current GHHS chapter members.

Chapters may request up to \$1500 to support chapter-led community outreach initiatives, research, or educational projects that promote humanism in medical learning environments.

### How to apply

Visit [our website](#) to access the application portal and for what to include in your proposal.

### Grant process

1. Submit application with attached proposal through our portal. Make sure to include a letter of support from a GHHS Chapter Advisor.
2. GHHS staff will review and ask follow up questions as necessary.
3. Upon approval, a grant agreement will be executed between your school (not the chapter or an individual) and The Gold Foundation. The agreement reflects the grant start and end dates, total funding amount, and final report deadline.
4. Upon execution of the agreement, The Gold Foundation will issue the first payment.
5. Implement the project.
6. Submit a final report, including an accounting of expenses, to GHHS staff. Once it is approved, the second and final payment of remaining funds spent will be issued.

### Tips for a successful initiative:

1. Consider sustainability. If successful, how can the project be handed over to the next cohort of GHHS members? How can it be scaled to be expanded to or replicated at other institutions?
2. How might the project bring in members of the larger GHHS community – is there an opportunity to invite GHHS members who have graduated (residents, fellows, members in practice) and work in your local community to also participate in your project?
3. Identify appropriate project partners, for example community organizations, hospital departments, etc.

### Example projects

GHHS chapter projects funded in recent years include:

- Gold Tokens of Humanity – volunteer medical students created personalized artwork or other items for patients after listening to their story and capturing what is meaningful to them. The tokens were displayed at bedside or publicly in the hospital. *University of Colorado School of Medicine*.
- Health is Literacy – developed a partnership with a local school elementary school to create events that promoted health literacy and physical and mental health of children in an underserved area with low literacy rates. *Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University*.
- Humanism in Medicine Night – an annual event that brings together a multi-disciplinary panel of speakers around a humanism-centered theme; this year's panel included voices from primary care, palliative care, social work, a patient, and curriculum developer on the pandemic's impact

on safely accessing community health resources and reflecting on death. *University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine*

- A research-based project to analyze and improve a mentorship program between medical students and premed undergraduate students to combat the rising level of premed student stress and anxiety. *Loyola University Chicago Stritch School of Medicine*
- How We Heal: Advocating for Environmental Justice in Medicine, a virtual 3-day conference that brought together healthcare providers, community leaders, advocates, and academics with expertise in environmental inequities to provide medical students, clinicians, public health policy officials, and community organizers a collaborative space to promote structural interventions that protect communities most vulnerable to environmental health disparities. *University of California, Riverside, School of Medicine*

Visit the [Gold Guide](#) for more ideas. We also welcome you to participate in the [GHHS Student Leadership Forum](#), an opportunity to meet and hear from other current GHHS student members from around the country (and world).

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