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The Summer Medical Career Program

The goal of the Los Angeles Pediatric Society Summer Medical Career Program is to encourage high school students to pursue career in the health professions. In 1990, the program was named after Gene Black, who worked for the Los Angeles Pediatric Society for 45 years and helped develop the program.

Each year, between 50 and 60 students are selected to spend a month in a hospital observing health care professionals at work. The students take part in a variety of activities that give them direct contact with the medical staff and patients. The programs differ at each site but include many educational experiences such as: visits to the operating room, nursery, outpatient clinics, Child Life Program, emergency department, intensive care, and inpatient services. If a student has a particular interest, opportunities exist to pursue that interest during the four weeks of the program.

Eighteen to twenty hospitals in Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties serve as sites for this educational program. The hospitals provide counselors who work with the students during their month at the hospital. The counselors often serve as mentors and advisors to the students. Over the years, many students have forged long-term relationships with their counselors.

This is an educational program and not a summer job. A weekly stipend is given to each student to cover incidental expenses. Each student receives a certificate of completion at the end of the program and is eligible to be in the drawing for the Edward Rissman, M.D. Scholarship.



Edward Rissman, M.D. Scholarship

Edward Rissman, M.D. was a pediatrician who nurtured and coordinated the Summer Medical Career Program for many years. The Los Angeles Pediatric Society (LAPS) established a scholarship in his name as a memorial and tribute to his many years of service. Each year, two students who have completed the summer program are selected to receive a scholarship of \$500. The student recipients are selected at random from the participating students who have submitted an account of their summer experiences. The scholarship is awarded after the student has successfully completed one term at a college, university, or trade school.

James Seidel, M.D., PhD Memorial Fund

A memorial fund has been established to honor James Seidel, M. D., PhD, for the countless hours he dedicated to the Summer Medical Career Program and to the students themselves. Donations to the fund will help establish a merit scholarship, which will be awarded to one summer student each year at the end of that student's successful completion of one term at a college, university, or trade school.

How Can Students Apply for the Program?

Applications may be obtained from high school guidance counselors or administrative offices at the beginning of each year. Applications are also available for download from www.lapedsoc.org.

Applications should be mailed directly to LAPS.

Each year, there are many more applicants than available positions. Selection is based on information provided by the student in the application form, letters of recommendation, evidence of interest, and academic standing. Some hospitals request an interview as part of the selection process.

How Is the Program Funded?

Funding for the program is provided through the operating budget of the society, through donations, and through grants. LAPS is an independent, non-profit organization of pediatricians and other health care specialists, dedicated to improving the welfare of children. Founded in 1934, it has members in more than 300 cities and communities throughout California, the United States, and overseas. It is one of the largest single-chapter organizations of its kind in the world.

Help Support the Gene Black Summer Medical Career Program

Your contribution will help fund this important program. All donors will be recognized in the LAPS newsletter. Donations of \$1,000 and more will be recognized for five years from the date of donation. If you wish, you may target your contribution for the **James Seidel, M.D., PhD Memorial Fund**, which has been established to fund a future merit scholarship program. All contributions are deductible to the extent allowed by law. Tax ID #95-2673275.

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