



STUDENT NATIONAL MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

P.R.I.D.E. 2009 Application Information

Deadline: **February 1, 2010**

(Projects completed prior to 02/01/10)

Deadline: **March 1, 2010**

(**ADDITIONAL** projects completed after 02/01/10)

P.R.I.D.E.: Do *YOU* Have It?

A Campaign Highlighting SNMA Community Service

Objective:

The P.R.I.D.E. Campaign aims to showcase outstanding *individual* SNMA chapters that show their SNMA P.R.I.D.E. through Community Service projects. These chapters will be recognized and provided the forum to share their innovative programming and activities with their fellow SNMA chapters.

Description:

Chapters will submit the P.R.I.D.E application describing in detail a project/activity that falls within one of the five P.R.I.D.E. criteria. (**P**erseverance in Academic Achievement; **R**ecruitment and Retention of Future Minority Physicians; **I**ntensity of Advocacy and Leadership; **D**edication to Service and Humanity; **E**nthusiasm for SNMA).

Applicants must submit a **minimum of ONE project** but are encouraged to submit more than one. Once the deadline (**February 1**) has passed, the selection process for the P.R.I.D.E. chapters will begin. If a community service project takes place after February 1, chapters may submit these additional programs for consideration by **March 1**. However, at least one project must be completed with application submitted and received by **February 1**. The 2009 P.R.I.D.E. chapters will be **recognized** at the 45th Annual Medical Education Conference (AMEC) in Chicago, IL held on March 31- April 4, 2010. The winning applications will also be made widely available to SNMA chapters via **SNMA publications** such as MedConnect, the SNMA website, and *JSNMA*. Other prizes have included **free hotel nights** at AMEC.

Submission:

Chapters will print clearly or type into the application (below) describing in detail a project/activity that exemplifies one of the five P.R.I.D.E. criteria. You are encouraged to submit more than one project, but a **minimum of one** is required for consideration. Some chapters submit projects for *each* letter of P.R.I.D.E. Please make sure that the contact information provided is up to date and accurate.

Applicants can contact the PRIDE Campaign Coordinator at historian@snma.org and/or the Membership Committee at membership@snma.org with questions.

Email applications to*:

pride@snma.org

AND

By US Mail to:

SNMA National Headquarters

ATTN: PRIDE Campaign 2009

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I. Biographical Information:

Chapter name: _____ Region: _____

Name of person completing application: _____

Chapter position: _____

Chapter email address: _____

Chapter mailing address: _____

II. Which P.R.I.D.E. letter does this project exemplify? _____

III. Description of Project/Activity:

a. Title/Name of the project: _____

b. Date of project implementation: _____

c. Number of people involved in planning the event: _____

d. Brief description of the roles/responsibilities of those involved in planning the event:

e. Financial costs of the project:

f. Please list any fundraisers or sources of funding used towards the project (optional):

Please e-mail the above by **FEBRUARY 1, 2010 (pre 02/01/10 projects) with additional projects (post 02/01/10) by March 1, 2010** to the following address:

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Frequently Asked Questions:

(1) What are the five P.R.I.D.E criteria?

1. PERSEVERANCE in Academic Achievement

Perseverance is a virtue which implies persistence, endurance, hardiness, fortitude, stamina, robustness and tolerance. We as medical students already have demonstrated this virtue by overcoming the challenges of getting into medical school. Now as medical students and SNMA members, we must demonstrate our desire and drive to succeed. If we as medical students of color do not withstand all of the struggles and obstacles presented to us, then who will be there to make sure that the health of our communities is a priority? In order to accomplish this, we must excel academically and collectively. We must be committed to obtaining as much knowledge as possible so that we can become competent physicians who will positively contribute to society. SNMA has shown its perseverance by being the nation's oldest and largest student organization focused on the needs and concerns of medical students of color. As SNMA members, we must remember that we have to have courage and faith within ourselves. Chapters that demonstrate this virtue will be recognized for their achievements.

2. RECRUITMENT AND RETENTION of Future Minority Physicians

Recruitment and retention of underrepresented minorities in medicine has been a continuing obstacle. Therefore, it is our duty as medical students to withstand the adversity of the current statistics so that we may be able to help those that come after us. SNMA has been dedicated to making sure its members have the opportunities to establish relationships with those who have succeeded as well as those who are just starting their journey. We must be proactive in seeking out possible avenues that will ensure our success. We have to remain resilient in the face of adversity. It is the responsibility of SNMA chapters to provide an outlet for members, both future and current, to come together, uplift and empower one another.

3. INTENSITY of Advocacy and Leadership

Our jobs as medical students only just begin in the classroom. As leaders of tomorrow and public servants of our communities today we must dedicate efforts to help those around us. SNMA has a long history of mentoring, leadership, and advocacy both for medical students and the community. SNMA members have protested on the steps of the Supreme Court, have visited their state legislatures, have written letters to their Senators, and have met with local administrators in the hope of promoting an agenda of equality and diversity. Through this principle we would like to recognize those chapters and members that show us this with intensity.

4. DEDICATION to Service and Humanity

The very definition of physician is serving mankind. As students in the vast field of medicine it is often easy to forget the need for humanism in our daily activities. However, SNMA has long strived to encourage its members to serve their communities in ways that uplift their fellow man. SNMA also purposely seeks to bring focus on those healthcare issues that disproportionately affect underserved patient populations. We are now looking to celebrate those chapters that have shown true dedication to humanism in their activities and ingenuity in their efforts to educate and serve.

5. ENTHUSIASM for SNMA

The epitome of having pride in all that is performed is to have enthusiasm for both the process and the end result. As a student-run organization, SNMA has an unbelievable energy and is only successful when that energy is felt at every level - national, regional and the local chapter. Our individual members, chapters and our regions are our strength, and by utilizing our common interests as current and future colleagues, our outreach and our internal support continue to grow. Through enthusiasm for SNMA as an entity, our successes will only continue through our collective efforts. SNMA members should be proud of all that we do, as individuals and within our special group

dynamic. No other organization encapsulates such wide-spread national programming that focuses on personal academic achievement and a selfless commitment to others as SNMA does. We would therefore like to recognize chapters that have a special drive - to fulfill the mission of SNMA with a spirit of excitement and a sense of the larger picture outside of the chapter's local environment.

(2) How do I fill out the application?

Please print clearly or type when completing the application below. Please make sure that the contact information provided is up to date and accurate. The application entails describing in detail a project/activity that exemplifies one of the five components of the P.R.I.D.E. campaign. For example, one may submit an application detailing how his/her chapter coordinated a community service project that highlights the P.R.I.D.E. letter “D” which is “**dedication to service and humanity**”. Chapters must **submit a minimum of one project** concerning a respective letter in P.R.I.D.E but are encouraged to submit more than one project.

(3) Where can I find examples of previous P.R.I.D.E. applications?

The SMNA website at <http://www.snma.org/pride-campaign.php> or on MedConnect.

(4) Can a chapter submit more than one project?

YES!!! SNMA would love for chapters to submit projects for EACH letter of P.R.I.D.E., but this is not mandatory.

(5) Why do I have to submit a document describing my project in detail?

The purpose of the P.R.I.D.E campaign is to showcase outstanding SNMA chapters and the projects that they are implementing in their communities. Additionally, SNMA wants these successful chapters to share their ideas with other chapters. Chapter P.R.I.D.E. applications may be used to aid other chapters and serve as an instruction manual on how to implement projects in their communities.

(6) Why should I share our chapter's projects/activities with SNMA?

By sharing your projects with SNMA, you are allowing other medical students, communities, etc. to benefit! It is our duty to help uplift one another in addition to helping those who follow us. By participating in this project, you can help other SNMA chapters and members showcase their SNMA P.R.I.D.E.!

(7) How do I know if my chapter is selected as a P.R.I.D.E chapter?

SNMA P.R.I.D.E chapters will be announced and recognized at the 45th Annual Medical Education Conference in Chicago, IL held on March 31-April 4, 2010.

(8) What are the deadlines for submission?

February 1, 2010 is the deadline for projects that are completed before 02/01/10. If a chapter has already submitted an application and then subsequently completes additional projects after the February deadline has elapsed, additional projects can be submitted for consideration by March 1, 2010.

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