



American College of Preventive Medicine

POINT SYSTEM FOR DETERMINATION OF ACPM FELLOWSHIP ELIGIBILITY

Physicians are eligible to apply for Fellowship when the physician meets the following application requirements:

1. ACPM membership status is at the Member level and in good standing with ACPM for the last three years;
2. Holds current board certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM) or by another American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) recognized board;
3. Demonstrates evidence of active participation with the American College of Preventive Medicine;
4. Demonstrates evidence of contributions to the field of Preventive Medicine

Applicants with at least **135 points** will be reviewed for Fellowship by the ACPM Membership Committee. Final approval of all applications for Fellowship is the responsibility of the Membership Committee as delegated by the Board of Regents.

The application consists of the following **required** documents:

1. Completed online forms (Sections A, B and C – to be emailed following \$50 nonrefundable fee payment).
2. Supporting documentation labeled with the corresponding letter and number uploaded to the online forms. ***Do not submit any articles unless requested by Membership Committee.**
3. Two (2) Letters of Recommendation from current ACPM Fellows. Recommending Fellows should be directed to www.acpm.org/FellowLoR to complete the requisite information and upload their letters.
4. An up-to-date Curriculum Vitae (CV) – **Maximum 8 pages in length.**
5. Remittance of the required, non-refundable application fee of \$50.
6. Photo of the candidate (optional) – the photo will be used in the program for the New Fellows/Awards banquet held at the annual meeting provided the applicant is approved for Fellowship.

Failure to comply with any of the Fellowship requirements (sponsorship letters, CV, etc.) and/or failure to submit any of the required documents will result in the application being considered incomplete and will not be reviewed by the ACPM Membership Committee until it is complete.

Full application instructions and the payment link can be found at www.acpm.org/Fellow_Instructions.

Any questions can be submitted to the ACPM Member Services Department at membership@acpm.org or 202-466-2044 x104.

THE POINT SYSTEM

Members applying for Fellowship status must submit all online forms, as well as supporting documentation for each element claimed (as outlined below) with their application. **Submission of the required curriculum vitae alone does not suffice.**

- A minimum of 135 total points across all categories must be accumulated to apply for Fellowship. Each category—A, B and C—has a minimum number of required points that must be achieved before an applicant can apply for Fellowship. Each category also has a maximum number of points an applicant can claim to ensure each applicant's qualifications for Fellowship are appropriately balanced.
- Points may be accumulated over the previous 10 year time frame—not just the previous three years prior to applying for Fellow status with ACPM.
- All documentation supporting the online forms must be labeled with the corresponding letter and number of the form. (E.g.: A1 – ABPM Board Certification; B2: Chair of the ACPM Membership Committee from 2003-2005; C8 – Article published in January 2008 edition of *JAMA* on Obesity Prevention)
- Supporting documentation for each element claimed on the online forms must show the dates involved for each activity or credential. This information will be verified by ACPM records.
- Elements in Section C require a written description (no more than 100 characters) for each item for which the applicant is claiming points.
- Meeting attendance or activities of other professional societies must include a confirmation of attendance for the event (e.g.: receipt for payment, copy of CME certificate, etc.)
- Citation from academic journals, newspaper publications, etc. must be listed. If requested, the applicant must provide copies of publication. **Please note – ONLY IF REQUESTED.**
- A copy of the printed program of a professional society meeting (or printout of appropriate web-based program) will constitute proof of presentation or a scientific poster presented at a scientific/academic meeting (Please highlight this information in the program for easy review by the Membership Committee).

A. BOARD CERTIFICATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION – Mandatory

You must provide a copy of the board certification.

Maximum points: 50

Minimum points: 20

1. Current certification by the American Board of Preventive Medicine (ABPM), (25 points for each current ABPM certification).
2. Certification by a specialty Board recognized by ABMS or AOA (10 points for each current certification).
3. Successful completion of ACPM-sponsored/approved Preventive Medicine CME courses (1 point for each hour of content successfully completed). Only those courses within the last three years can count toward credit. Can only be used in conjunction with board certification not as a stand alone.

B. CONTRIBUTIONS TO ACPM – Mandatory

Maximum points: 150

Minimum points: 45

1. Serve on an ACPM committee, task force or ad hoc committee (15 points per committee).
2. Serve as a chair of an ACPM Committee, task force, or ad hoc committee (20 points per chairmanship).
3. Participate in “ACPM Advocacy Day” (10 points per attendance).
4. Contribute to the College’s legislative efforts via ACPM Legislative Action Center (“Cap Wiz”) (5 points per action alert with congressional representative on behalf of ACPM).
5. Serve the College as a participant in the development of a CME module or even (20 points per module).
6. Act as an appointed liaison or representative for the American College of Preventive Medicine to national committees, advisory panels, coalitions, and organizations (10 points per appointment).
7. Represent ACPM to media on coverage on prevention-related issues or events (the media contact must be assigned by the College) (5 points per interview).
8. Act as an expert content reviewer for the College (this must be assigned by the College) (10 points per review).
9. Attend *Preventive Medicine* annual meeting within three years of application (20 points per meeting).
10. Attend the ACPM Board Review Course (20 points).
11. Participate in any other live ACPM event (e.g., educational webcast) (5 points each).
12. Serve as faculty/abstract reviewer at an ACPM function/meeting (10 points).
13. Serve as an oral or poster presenter at ACPM’s annual meeting or as a presenter/faculty for any other ACPM educational event (10 points per presentation).
14. Publish article (cite publication dates) in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* (10 points per article).
15. Write a column for ACPM-sponsored publication (e.g., Medscape’s Perspectives in Prevention, ACPM Headlines, etc.) (10 points).
16. Other – if you have served the College in another manner please provide a description to the Membership Committee (points will be determined by the Committee).

C. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE FIELD OF PREVENTIVE MEDICINE – Mandatory

Maximum points: 50

Minimum points: 15

1. Serve on local or state Board of Health (15 points).
2. Present a preventive medicine topic (speaking or poster presentation) at another scientific conference (5 points).
3. Participate in community oriented prevention programs (5 points).
4. Develop new prevention programs (10 points).
5. Evaluate existing prevention programs (5 points).
6. Serve as a prevention specialist consultant to other physicians and health care providers (5 points).
7. Present prevention related topics at grand rounds (5 points).
8. Publish prevention-related research in a peer review journal (8 points).
9. Publish prevention-oriented articles in newsletters or other publications (5 points).
10. Teach preventive medicine in an accredited program (10 points). Other – if you have served the field of Preventive Medicine in another manner please provide a description to the Membership Committee (points will be determined by the Committee).