American Skin Association  
Medical Student Grants  
Targeting Melanoma and Skin Cancer  
$7,000

American Skin Association (ASA) invites grant applications from medical students working actively in the areas of melanoma and skin cancer. A second year of funding may be requested upon receipt and review of a final progress report and re-application.

If an awardee receives a career development award or other comparable research award from the NIH, the Dermatology Foundation, or similar organization, he or she must choose between it and this research award.

ELIGIBILITY:

Applicants must be working actively in areas related to dermatology. Funds may be used for support of a new or ongoing research/clinical investigation project. There is no age requirement.

CONTENTS OF ONLINE APPLICATION:

An application must include:

1. A letter from the applicant stating:
   a. career goals
   b. relevance of the grant at this time
   c. acknowledgment of the requirement to submit a progress report (written in layman’s language) and an expenditure report at the end of the grant period
   d. acknowledgement of the requirement to list ASA support in all presentations/publications
   e. acknowledgement to keep ASA informed of current and future dates of presentations and/or publications

2. 1-2 page curriculum vitae including education and training, academic appointments, key publications, and date of birth.

3. A letter (no more than two pages) written by the chairman of dermatology and mentor (if different) on behalf of the candidate endorsing the applicant and the proposal, and confirming the institution’s commitment to provide time and support to the applicant. Note: A chairman/mentor may endorse only ONE medical student per year.

4. A research proposal (no more than two pages including references) prepared by the candidate detailing the title, purpose, materials, methods, and projected results. Proposals must be typed in Arial 11 pt. type with 1-inch margins. Note: Human and/or animal use must be approved by the Institutional Review Board or equivalent and documented before funding is provided.

5. A line item budget and justification for the research project must be attached. Tuition, travel, and indirect costs to the sponsoring institution are not allowed.

6. A summary of ALL past, current, and pending applications for research support, specifying grant titles, agencies, periods of support, and total direct costs. If none, please indicate.

DEADLINE AND APPLICATION FORMS:

Instructions and online application form for applying are posted on our website: americanskin.org. The deadline for receipt of applications is extended to November 1, 2014. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection of the recipients will be made in December by ASA’s Medical Advisory Committee. Funding will begin in January 2015 unless otherwise requested by the applicant.

About American Skin Association
Established to serve the now more than 100 million Americans afflicted with skin disorders, American Skin Association has evolved over the past two decades as a leading force in efforts to defeat melanoma and other serious forms of skin disease. Its mission has remained to advance research, champion skin health (particularly among children), and drive public awareness about skin disorders and their often devastating impact.