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Fellowship Sponsoring Form

Candidate Information:

Name: _____
(PLEASE PRINT)

City, State, and Country: _____

Sponsor Information:

(Please note: to sponsor a candidate for Fellowship, you must be a **current** Fellow or Master.)

Name: _____ Master (MACP) Fellow (FACP)

ACP ID: _____

Candidate Reference:

I understand that for this form to be used in evaluating the candidate, that I **must** complete either A or B below.
I am familiar with the criteria for ACP Fellowship as noted on the back of this form and I endorse the candidate without reservation.

A. Candidate is known to you in a professional capacity. Please provide at least two examples of special accomplishments (e.g., exhibited leadership skills, recognized high levels of patient care) that you have witnessed and that are supplements to the candidate's curriculum vitae:

B. Candidate is not known to you professionally. Please provide at least two examples from the candidate's curriculum vitae of special accomplishments/contributions to medicine or the community that relate to the pathways to Fellowship on the following page:

(Please note: You may send additional comments to ACP via e-mail, FACP@acponline.org, or attach additional comments to this page).

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit: Online: FACP@acponline.org

Fax: 215-351-2759

Please submit this form via e-mail to FACP@acponline.org or via fax at 215-351-2759.

Fellowship Sponsoring Form Procedures:

- Sponsors must be current ACP Masters or Fellows; family members may not act as a Sponsor
- Current ACP Governor from the chapter where the candidate resides may not act as a Sponsor
- Sponsors may submit their sponsoring forms to the candidate in a sealed envelopes to ensure confidentiality or may submit their recommendations directly to ACP

For questions, please contact the Fellowship Credentialing Section at 800-523-1546, or via e-mail at FACP@acponline.org.

Requirements for ACP Fellowship:

ACP Fellowship is an honor achieved by those recognized by their peers for personal integrity, superior competence in internal medicine, professional accomplishment, and demonstrated scholarship. FACP is achieved by advancing from ACP membership or, in exceptional cases, by direct election.

Basic requirements for advancement to Fellowship:

- ACP membership in good standing for two years (as a Resident/Fellow Member or a full Member) following residency completion.
- Certification in internal medicine or neurology.
- Professional activity in internal medicine, a combined internal medicine specialty, the subspecialties of internal medicine, or neurology.
- Experience in practice or in an academic position (including subspecialty training) for two years since the completion of residency.
- An active medical license in good standing (if in clinical practice).
- Continuing professional development and scholarly activities, including continuing medical education as a student or teacher.
- Teaching (institutional and community-based), hospital committee work, or volunteer and community service, especially in the voluntary provision of medical care.

In addition to the basic requirements, candidates for advancement to Fellowship should demonstrate activity within one or several of the following areas of professional accomplishment:

- Continuing Education
 - Subspecialty certification; recertification; advanced degrees; or MKSAP completion
- Active ACP Participation
 - Membership for more than five years
 - Attendance at chapter/national meetings; abstract competition judging; MKSAP or exam question review; or committee/council participation.
- Publications
 - Articles; abstracts; book chapters; books; or online media
- Leadership
 - Medical director; committee chair; or working group responsible party

Requirements for direct election to Fellowship (for nonmembers):

- Ten years post graduation from medical school.
- Certification in internal medicine or neurology.
- Substantial published scientific contributions to prominent peer-reviewed journals.
- Extraordinary scholarly achievement and professional excellence in several areas, including teaching, medical education, scientific presentations at national, and international meetings.
- Significant involvement in a hospital, an appropriate medical institution, or in clinical or scientific research.
- Community activities, either medically or non-medically related, with special consideration given to the voluntary provision of medical care.