

THE ORTHOPOD NEWSLETTER



TOP NEWS!



Thank you for attending the AAOO Annual Fall Meeting!

Remember to complete your evaluations and submit your CME credits by **December 31, 2025**.

On demand video content coming soon!

Volunteer to Serve

Interested in speaking at a future AAOO meeting or serving on a committee?

[Click here](#) for more info!

Holiday Office Hours

The AAOO office will be closed November 27-28, 2025.



AOAO Auto Dues Renewal

Stay connected.

Save time.

Stay active.



Keep your AAOO membership working for you, automatically! With Auto Renewal, your dues are securely charged each April or October, ensuring uninterrupted access to your benefits. You'll receive advance email reminders and updates, so renewal is effortless and transparent.

To learn more about how to enroll and how it works [click here](#)!

Your membership dues are automatically charged during the first week of April or October each year. The payment covers the next 12 months.



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR AWARDS RECIPIENTS THIS YEAR

To view the full photo gallery from our awards ceremony [click here](#).
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To view the full list of awards recipients [click here](#).

INCOMING PRESIDENT

CHARLES ORTH, DO, FAOAO



DONALD SIEHL LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

JAMES MASON, DO, FAOAO



HUMANITARIAN AWARD

DANIEL RUGGLES, DO, FAOAO



AOAO FOUNDATION EMERGING LEADER AWARD

MICHAEL SAPER, DO, FAOAO



FELLOW AWARDS



ANGELA WALKER, DO, FAOAO | CHRISTOPHER SHERMAN, DO, FAOAO | TODD PETERSON, DO, FAOAO
ROBERT PAUL, DO, FAOAO | MICHAEL JUSTICE, DO, FAOAO | CHRISTOPHER HALPHEN, DO, FAOAO
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WHY ORTHOPEDIC RESIDENTS SHOULD TAKE THE OSTEOPATHIC CERTIFICATION EXAM

- AOBOS Part 1 Exam costs less
- AOBOS Part 1 Exam has NO travel costs
- AOBOS offers Part 1 Exam to PGY4 residents
- AOBOS Certification is accepted EVERYWHERE
- AOA offers a Part 1 Exam Scholarship Program to offset the cost
- AOA offers a FREE Board Review Course at the Spring Meeting

Apply for the AOBOS Part 1 Written Exam Today!

Click for [more details](#).



The AOA is offering a scholarship program for 4th and 5th year AOA resident members who take the Part 1 Written Exam through the American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery (AOBOS). The AOA will reimburse \$500 to each resident who has registered and paid for this exam.

SUBSPECIALTY EXAM ELIGIBILITY IMMEDIATELY POST FELLOWSHIP

Immediate Exam Eligibility for Subspecialty Certification in [Hand Surgery](#) and [Orthopedic Sports Medicine](#)

The American Osteopathic Board of Orthopedic Surgery (AOBOS) is pleased to announce a change in the eligibility timeline for subspecialty certification in Hand Surgery and Orthopedic Sports Medicine.

Effective immediately, candidates who have completed an ACGME-approved fellowship in Hand Surgery or Orthopedic Sports Medicine may now apply for and take the written subspecialty examination immediately following fellowship completion.

This change allows for greater flexibility and alignment with training timelines, while maintaining the high standards required for certification.

Please note that all other certification requirements—including surgical case logs and practice experience—must still be fulfilled before certification can be awarded.

We encourage eligible candidates to take advantage of this opportunity and begin the certification process as soon as they complete their fellowship training.



Apply Now for the Chief Resident Travel Scholarship Program
For more information on how to apply, [click here](#).

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPRING 2026



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