



Chewy Veterinary Leaders Program

At Chewy Health, we believe the path to building stronger practices, a healthier culture, and providing better care in veterinary medicine is by supporting the success of people from all backgrounds as they pursue a veterinary career.



The Chewy Veterinary Leaders Program recognizes second-year veterinary students from underserved groups who have shown an interest in and affinity for growing leadership capabilities. Individuals selected for the program will receive financial assistance as well as resources to support them through their final years of veterinary school and into the next phase of their careers.

Our hope is to make our program participants' journeys a little easier so they can thrive in practice and become leaders that inspire the next generation of veterinary professionals.

What's Included

Debt Relief

Receive a \$20,000 scholarship, paid directly to your institution via our partner the American Association of Veterinary Medical Colleges (AAVMC).

Camaraderie + Support

Participate in bi-monthly peer support group conversations facilitated by a trained third-party mentor.

Social + Learning

Attend an in-person event, hosted at Chewy's headquarters, featuring leadership training, social activities, and more.

Post-Graduation Mentorship Program

Receive a scholarship to MentorVet LEAP's six-month early-career mentorship program after graduation.

Alumni Network

Option to join the Chewy Veterinary Leaders alumni network to continue networking and learning beyond school.



Eligibility



Veterinary students must:

- ✓ Be a current second-year veterinary student in good academic standing.
- ✓ Have an interest in pursuing a career in small animal medicine.
- ✓ Be nominated by their AAVMC Member institution.
- ✓ Provide documentation of established financial need.
- ✓ Be a student leader who is committed to serving and mentoring within the veterinary profession.
- ✓ Have a record of fostering belonging and participation through academic, professional, service, or community activities, while creating environments where others can thrive.
- ✓ Be committed to making best efforts to participate in all Chewy Veterinary Leaders program elements.

How to Apply

15 students will be selected for the 2026-2027 Chewy Veterinary Leaders cohort. Each AAVMC Institutional Member may nominate one (1) eligible student for the Chewy Veterinary Leaders Program.

For a nomination to be considered, the following materials must be submitted to AAVMC via the application link provided on the scholarship website between **October 1, 2026** and **November 4, 2026**:

- ✓ One letter of nomination from the dean of the school or college.
- ✓ Academic documents, including resume or curriculum vitae and unofficial transcript.
- ✓ A personal statement not to exceed 300 words describing how the student hopes to become a veterinary leader and what their background, identity, interests, or talents will contribute to the veterinary community.
- ✓ Documentation of financial need (such as a FAFSA Student Aid Report or a Student award statement from the university).

