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AMERICAN SOCIETY FOR DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY

2027 YOUNG INVESTIGATORS WRITING COMPETITION

The American Society for Dermatologic Surgery (ASDS) is pleased to offer the annual Young Investigators Writing Competition (YIWC), in partnership with *Dermatologic Surgery*, the official peer-reviewed journal of ASDS. This award program is offered to stimulate young investigators to submit original ideas, research and articles.

Eligibility

YIWC is open to primary authors who are ASDS residents, members completing dermatologic surgery fellowship or early-career members who completed residency within the past three years. ***Medical students, individuals who have not been placed in a dermatology residency program and previous YIWC winners are not eligible.*** Applicants must be a primary author for the manuscript they are submitting (a young investigator who has contributed significantly to the research and/or writing of the manuscript). **Proof of acceptance for publication in *Dermatologic Surgery* must accompany the program application.** Up to two award recipient(s) will be selected and required to attend the 2027 ASDS Annual Meeting on Oct. 14–17 in Chicago, Illinois.

Submission Guidelines

The types of eligible manuscripts include original studies, reviews, innovative pearls and case reports. The research topic must be clinically or socioeconomically oriented to dermatologic surgery. Manuscripts must follow the Author Guidelines.

The manuscript must be original work produced by the author(s). It cannot be previously published or accepted for publication in another medical journal or publication.

The article must first be accepted for publication in *Dermatologic Surgery* before applying to YIWC. Articles will be reviewed by the journal editors and other expert reviewers before a final publication decision is made. This process can take some time, so **the recommended deadline to submit an article to the journal is Dec. 14, 2026.**

After receiving a letter of acceptance from *Dermatologic Surgery*, eligible applicants can **apply for YIWC by May 14, 2027**. Writing contest winners are not eligible for other ASDS Annual Meeting scholarships.



Deadlines

Dec. 14, 2026 — Recommended manuscript submission
May 14, 2027 — YIWC application due to ASDS

Application Process

1. Submit your article to *Dermatologic Surgery* at mc.manuscriptcentral.com/ds (please allow ample time for the peer review process). Articles must be accepted for journal publication in the review article category before applying to YIWC.

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2. Email the *Dermatologic Surgery* acceptance letter, completed program application form and a high-resolution headshot to Katie Allodi at kallodi@asds.net by May 14, 2027.

Applications will not be accepted for consideration after the deadline, and you will be encouraged to apply next year, if eligible. All applicants will be notified of their results in late summer.

Questions? Contact Katie Allodi at kallodi@asds.net.

Award

Up to two awards will be given at the discretion of the ASDS Journal Awards Work Group.

- Winning manuscript published in *Dermatologic Surgery*.
- Complimentary general registration to the 2027 ASDS Annual Meeting (Oct. 14–17 in Chicago, Illinois).
- A stipend reimbursement up to $1,500* for travel and hotel expenses to attend the 2027 ASDS Annual Meeting.
- Recognition during the Membership Meeting at the ASDS Annual Meeting (mandatory attendance) and other marketing materials.
- Photo with the ASDS President.

** The stipend check will be mailed after the meeting once proof of meeting attendance and travel receipts have been submitted. Winner(s) will not receive a 1099 form.*

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