Merck Animal Health and American Veterinary Medical Foundation (AVMF) are pleased to announce the Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program!

Merck Animal Health and AVMF are dedicated to preserving and improving the health and well-being of animals as well as honoring exceptional veterinary students. Merck Animal Health is proud to demonstrate its dedication to veterinary students by providing $100,000 in financial support to award twenty second and third year students with $5,000 scholarships. Merck’s partnership with the AVMF aligns with the AVMF’s strategic initiative of “Supporting the Enhancement of Students of Veterinary Medicine.” This partnership ensures the excellence of veterinary medicine in the future and further supports the quality of education and training for future veterinarians.

Scholarships will be awarded based on academic excellence, financial need, leadership and area of interest within the profession. Awards will be equally divided between students in pursuit of a career in companion animal/equine interest and food animal/aquaculture. Under the guidelines of the Merck Animal Health Veterinary Student Scholarship Program, the AVMF and veterinary school leadership will select and reward twenty veterinary students for their exceptional educational accomplishments. We encourage all class of 2015 and 2016 veterinary students to apply.

**Student Criteria**

Student Requirements:
- Currently enrolled and in good standing at an AVMA accredited school of veterinary medicine in the United States
- 2nd or 3rd year veterinary student at a U.S. school of veterinary medicine
- SAVMA member (Student American Veterinary Medical Association)
- Merit based with some consideration to financial need

**Program Timeline**
- Application Launch – November 15, 2013
- Application Deadline – December 31, 2013

The AVMF is happy to assist Merck Animal Health in administering this program and is available at info@avmf.org for any questions that you may have. Please check our website often for updates on this exciting program!