

Kaplan Leadership and Fitch Education Awards Sub-Committee

Committee Charge

The mission of the Kaplan Leadership and Fitch Education Awards Sub-Committee is to provide funding to early career cardiac anesthesiologists for leadership and education opportunities.

The goals of the Kaplan Leadership and Fitch Education Awards Sub-Committee are to coordinate the program to further the interests and goals of the Society by assisting future industry leaders grow their skills and to develop educational initiatives that will benefit the SCA community.

Review applications for the Kaplan Leadership and Fitch Education Awards.

Work with the SCA to secure donations to fund the scholarship.

Review applications and eligibility requirements on an annual basis.

2025-26 Benchmarks

(Action items for upcoming year)

1. Promote greater awareness of the Kaplan Leadership and Fitch Education Awards by:
 - a. Continuing advertising between sessions at the SCA Annual Meeting
 - b. Highlight past award winners with their comments on the Award on the website
2. Measure number of clicks on the Awards Website
3. Receive at least 8 applications for the 2026 funding cycle
4. Award at least 2 highly qualified applicants in the 2026 funding cycle for the Kaplan Award and 1 for the Fitch Award

2025-26 Committee Members

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