

## **ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY APPLICATION QUESTIONNAIRE**

We appreciate your time and effort in completing this questionnaire. The State University of New York (SUNY) Downstate Medical Center, Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Rehabilitation Medicine, is investigating the basis for the applicants' interest in pursuing orthopaedic surgery as future career. The following survey encompasses **two** sections. The questions of the first section pertain to personal demographical data, whereas the second section comprises questions that explore the underlying reason(s) for the applicants' interest(s) in orthopaedic surgery in general and SUNY Downstate in particular.

This brief survey will take only 5 minutes to complete. Your feedback will help us improve our orthopaedic surgery training program for current and prospective SUNY Downstate residents. Your participation in this survey is entirely voluntary and your responses might be used for research purposes. No identifiable data will be reported and all efforts will be made to keep your information confidential. Your responses will not affect your residency application **in any way**. Upon **full** completion, the filled form should be emailed to [nina.jalowayski@downstate.edu](mailto:nina.jalowayski@downstate.edu).

Thank you for your interest in our orthopaedic surgery residency training program. We wish you the best of luck and success in the interview process.

**SECTION 1 – APPLICANT DEMOGRAPHICS**

1. First name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Last name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Gender: Male      Female
4. Race: White      Asian      Hispanic      Black      Other
5. Age: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Degrees: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Are you an Alpha Omega Alpha member?    Yes      No
8. What is your immigration status?  
    American medical graduate (AMG)      International medical graduate (IMG)
9. What is your USMLE step 1 score? \_\_\_\_\_
10. What is your USMLE step 2 CK score? \_\_\_\_\_
11. Are you a high school or college athlete?    Yes      No  
    If yes, what sport(s)? \_\_\_\_\_
12. What are your hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_
13. Have you been involved in orthopaedic surgery research?    Yes      No
14. If yes, which statements describe your research the best?
  - a. I have had a podium presentation at a scientific forum
  - b. I have had a poster exhibit at a scientific conference
  - c. I have had an abstract accepted at peer-reviewed journal
  - d. I have had a manuscript accepted/published in a peer-reviewed journal

For the following questions (15 to 20), immediate family members include the applicant's parents (mother/father), siblings (sister/brother), and grandparents (grandfather/grandmother), while extended family members consist of the applicant's aunts, uncles, cousins, and in-laws.

15. Do you have any orthopaedic surgeons in your immediate family?    Yes      No
16. Do you have any physicians other than orthopaedic surgeons in your immediate family?  
    Yes      No



**SECTION 2 – ORTHOPEADIC SURGERY APPLICANT INTERESTS**

21. Why did you choose to apply to orthopaedic surgery? (*Select all that apply*)

- a. Altruistic motives
- b. Expected income
- c. High need for orthopaedic surgeons
- d. High physician-patient quality time
- e. Intellectual stimulation
- f. Low malpractice rate
- g. Low physician-patient quality time
- h. Medical relative's recommendation
- i. Mentor's recommendation
- j. Orthopaedic surgeons' camaraderie
- k. Orthopaedic rotation
- l. Parent's recommendation
- m. Professional prestige
- n. Good quality of life
- o. Surgical skills required
- p. Other \_\_\_\_\_

22. Of the aforementioned list (above), which motives would you classify as most and least influential? (*Select **only one** alphabet letter from the list above*)

- a. Single most influential factor \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Single least influential factor \_\_\_\_\_

23. Why did you chose to apply to SUNY Downstate's orthopaedic surgery residency training program? (*Select all that apply*)

- a. Away orthopaedic surgery rotation
- b. By chance
- c. Geographical preference
- d. Intellectual stimulation
- e. Medical relative's recommendation
- f. Mentor's recommendation
- g. More interviews needed to increase competitiveness
- h. Parent's recommendation
- i. Quality of life
- j. Reputation
- k. Research opportunities
- l. Specific faculty
- m. Other \_\_\_\_\_

24. Of the aforementioned list (above), which motives would you classify as most and least influential? (*Select **only one** alphabet letter from the list above*)

- a. Single most influential factor \_\_\_\_\_
- b. Single least influential factor \_\_\_\_\_

25. What medical subspecialty would appeal to you if you could not do orthopaedic surgery?

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26. What profession would appeal to you if you were not in medicine? \_\_\_\_\_