



Attention All Medical and APP Students!

2026 ACOEM Essay Contest!

The American College of Occupational and Environmental Medicine (ACOEM) is committed to improving the care and well-being of workers through science and the sharing of knowledge. In conjunction with ACOEM's American Occupational Health Conference 2026, the History and Archives Section and ACOEM Ambassador Program are sponsoring this student essay competition. The essay topic is:

"Three key figures in the development of occupational and environmental medicine in the United States had ties to Chicago: Alice Hamilton, Harry Mock, and Clarence Olds Sappington. Which of these figures do you think has the most relevance to occupational and environmental medicine as it is practiced today, and why?"

This contest is open to medical, nurse practitioner, and physician assistant students who are members of ACOEM. Not a member? No problem – [join for free!](#)

\$500 first prize, \$250 second prize!

Winners get free registration to AOHC 2026! (a \$395 value)
(or Encore recordings if unable to attend in person)

Winning essays will be published in ACOEM Quarterly!

Submit essays via Google Form here: <https://forms.gle/atQQQZYHpKwzicte8>

GUIDELINES

- Essays should relate to the essay topic.
- Deadline is Noon EST on Sunday, March 15, 2026.
- Essays must be the original and unpublished work of the student.
- Essays should be four (4) to six (6) pages in length, formatted 8.5" x 11" with 1" margins, double-spaced in 12-point type, with page numbers, and written in English.
- Essays must include a bibliography of cited sources (not included in the 4-6 pages).

Questions? Contact our contest coordinator, Dr. Pam Krahl, at krahlpl@si.edu.