

## Fellow Exam Information

For those interested in attaining AAOA Fellow status, the 2026 Fellow Exam will be held in two parts: an online written exam and an virtual oral exam.

Candidates must meet the criteria to complete the exam process to attain AAOA Fellow status. The following lists the current requirements to sit for the written and oral exam components.

- ◆ Certification by the American Board of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery or the American Osteopathic Board of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (AOBOOHNS)
- ◆ Member of the AAOA for a minimum of one (1) year
- ◆ Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Basic Course in Allergy & Immunology within the past five (5) years
- ◆ Attendance at 1 complete Advanced Course in Allergy & Immunology or the new Explorers Course: Surgical & Medical Management of Airway Disease in Otolaryngology within the past five (5) years
- ◆ Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Annual Meeting within the past five (5) years
- ◆ Attendance at 1 additional AAOA-sponsored CME program within the past five (5) years
- ◆ Attestation of primary treatment of ten (10) immunotherapy patients who have been on immunotherapy for at least 6 months
- ◆ Completed AAOA Fellow Exam application & fee by **June 1st**
- ◆ Payment of \$950

The deadline to submit the above-noted documentation is June 1.

Incomplete applications and those received after June 1 will not be considered.

The AAOA Fellow Exam application can be found on the next page. It can also be downloaded from the AAOA website at: **AAOAllergy.org**.

Contact Kate Chenal at: **kchenal@aoallergy.org** with any questions.

The AAOA voting membership is comprised of American Board of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery (ABOto) certified or eligible physicians who have already demonstrated their competence and qualifications as otolaryngologists through their residency training and certification by the ABOto. Fellows of the AAOA have supplemented their otolaryngology training and expertise by passing the AAOA Fellow Exam. Fellows of the AAOA are Board Certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology Head and Neck Surgery. As such, a Fellow of the AAOA may define herself or himself as a Fellow of the AAOA with the ABMS-Board Certification in Otolaryngology, the scope of which includes the diagnosis and management of allergy of the upper aerodigestive tract.

### Suggested Reference Material

The following resources are suggested in addition to the Basic and Advanced Course and New Explorers Course curricular material to assist the applicant in preparing for the AAOA Fellow Exam.

#### AAOA Basic and Advanced Course content

*International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology:*  
Volume 4, Supplement 2, September 2014

*International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology:*  
Volume 5, Supplement 1, September 2015

*International Forum of Allergy & Rhinology:*  
The International Consensus Statement on Allergy and Rhinology (ICAR), Volume 8, Issue 2, February 2018

#### Fellows of the AAOA

The status of AAOA Fellow will be granted to candidates who meet all the eligibility criteria and who pass both the oral and written parts of the Fellow Exam.

Maintaining AAOA Fellow status requires active membership and is contingent upon the attendance at 2 AAOA-sponsored courses or meetings during each subsequent 5-year cycle from the date Fellow status is granted.

## 2026 Fellow Exam Educational Course Requirements

| Fellow Exam Course Requirement  | Qualifying Courses to Fulfill Requirement   |
|---|---|
| Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Basic Course in Allergy & Immunology within the past five (5) years                                     | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2021–2026 Basic Course in Allergy &amp; Immunology, including 2021 Virtual Basic</li></ul>  |
| Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Advanced Course in Allergy & Immunology within the past five (5) years or the NEW Explorers Course 2026 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2021–2024 Advanced Course in Allergy &amp; Immunology or Explorers Course 2025-2026</li></ul>   |
| Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Annual Meeting within the past five (5) years   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 2021–2026 AAOA Annual Meeting</li></ul>   |
| Attendance at 1 additional AAOA-sponsored CME program within the past five (5) years  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Attendance at 1 additional AAOA-sponsored CME program within the past five (5) years: choice of Basic, Advanced/Explorers or Annual</li></ul> |

***Note that any one course may only be applied to fulfill a single requirement.***

***AAOA's Educational Stacks do not qualify.***

**Applications can be submitted online, by email or by mail.**

- **Online:** <https://aaoa.cloud-cme.com/Form.aspx?FormID=2853>
- **Email:** [kchenal@aaoallergy.org](mailto:kchenal@aaoallergy.org)
- **Mail:**

AAOA, Inc.  
Attn: Fellow Exam  
11130 Sunrise Valley Road  
Suite #100  
Reston, Virginia 20191

# AAOA Fellow Exam Application

**DEADLINE: JUNE 1**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_

Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Daytime Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

Year joined AAOA \_\_\_\_\_

Year certified by the American Board of Otolaryngology \_\_\_\_\_

**Please list the AAOA Courses/Meetings for which you have documented CME credits.  
You must have 1 complete Basic Course, 1 complete Advanced Course/Explorers Course, 1 complete Annual Meeting and  
Additional CME Program (1 AAOA-sponsored required) within the 5 years prior to the exam date**

| REQUIRED COURSES                           | YEAR/LOCATION |
|--|---------------|
| Full Basic Course                          |               |
| Full Advanced Course/Explorers Course      |               |
| Full Annual Meeting                        |               |
| Additional Meeting (Stacks do not qualify) |               |

***Fellow Exam Application Fee: \$950***

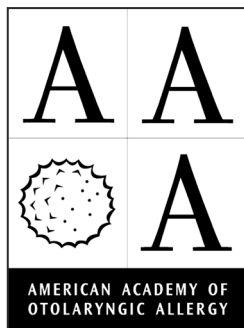
I hereby certify that the information presented on this application is true, correct and complete and that I am the primary allergy treatment provider for at least 10 patients for at least 6 months. I understand that if any information I have submitted on or within this application is untrue, incorrect or incomplete, I may be subject to discipline by the AAOA, which may include being expelled from the organization.

Candidate's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby confirm the above attestation that the candidate has treated with immunotherapy the ten patients as described above.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to the Candidate \_\_\_\_\_



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