

Fellow Exam Information

For those interested in attaining AAOA Fellow status, the 2025 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 **April 1st**
- ◆ Payment of \$950 (Late applications will be assessed \$1,350 if received between April 1 and April 15)

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

Incomplete applications and those received after April 15 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.

2025 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">• 2020–2025 Basic Course in Allergy & Immunology, including 2021 Virtual Basic
Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Advanced Course in Allergy & Immunology within the past five (5) years or the NEW Explorers Course 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020–2024 Advanced Course in Allergy & Immunology or Explorers Course 2025
Attendance at 1 complete AAOA Annual Meeting within the past five (5) years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2020–2025 AAOA Annual Meeting
Attendance at 1 additional AAOA-sponsored CME program within the past five (5) years	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Attendance at 1 additional AAOA-sponsored CME program within the past five (5) years: choice of Basic, Advanced/Explorers or Annual

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

AAOA's Educational Stacks do not qualify.



AAOA Fellow Exam Application

DEADLINE: APRIL 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 (New in 2025)	
Full Annual Meeting	
Additional Meeting (Stacks do not qualify)	

Copy of AAOA transcript confirming each course or meeting must be attached to this form.

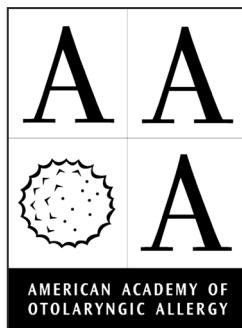
I hereby certify that the information presented on this application is true, correct and complete and that I am the primary allergy treatment provider for at least 10 patients for at least 6 months. I understand that if any information I have submitted on or within this application is untrue, incorrect 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 _____



Please return this form to the AAOA with:

- Copies of CME transcripts for courses and meetings attended
- A copy of your ABOto certificate
- A check for \$950 (\$1,350 if postmarked after April 1)

All paperwork can be mailed to:

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

Deadline for submission is **APRIL 1**. Incomplete applications and those post-marked after April 15 will not be accepted. The application fee is non-refundable and non-transferable. Contact kchenal@aoallergy.org with any questions.