



CODE OF ETHICS AND PROFESSIONALISM POLICY

Fellowship in the American Academy of Osteopathy (FAAO) is an honor and a privilege for all physicians who meet the requirements of service, technical skill and scholarly activity. As such, the FAAO must meet strict ethical standards for physicians as outlined by the American Osteopathic Association (AOA) and the American Academy of Osteopathy (AAO).

In addition to the [AOA Code of Ethics](#), the [AOA Rules and Guidelines on Physicians' Professional Conduct](#), and [AAO Constitution and Bylaws](#), the FAAO and the FAAO Applicant must adhere to all of the following requirements at the time of application and ongoing:

- At the time of application and then annually, the FAAO must sign this code of ethics policy demonstrating an understanding of the policies and responsibility to adhere to the policies.

AND

- Maintain osteopathic medical competency via continued AAO membership.

AND

- Unless retired, must maintain a fully unrestricted medical license including:
 - DEA or other controlled substance registration
 - License to practice osteopathic or allopathic medicine from any state board of medicine or osteopathic medicine in the state they are currently or most currently practice.

AND

- Must not have a criminal record, past or present (except for minor traffic violations). Although the Committee on FAAO will not be requiring submission of FBI background checks, the FAAO is expected to disclose any criminal record.



AND

- Must not be involved in active litigation for issues related to professionalism or ethical practice concerns. All litigation (past or present) and outcomes must be disclosed.

AND

- Must demonstrate professionalism through at least three (3) of the following:
 - Actively participate in AAO programs, committees, and activities,
 - Community service and involvement,
 - Involvement and ongoing evidence of mentoring/precepting students,
 - Contributing to the literature, and promoting the profession,
 - Furthering the visibility, knowledge, respect, and infrastructure of the AAO, AOA and Osteopathic medicine, or
 - Faculty or leadership/ administrative appointment at a medical school, residency program, hospital, or other healthcare facility

By signing below, I am indicating that I have read and understand the FAAO code of ethics policy:

Applicant Signature

Printed Applicant Name

Date