

## **Applicant Bio**

My name is Jaclyn McNeil, and I am delighted to announce my candidacy for the position of Atlantic Regional Director for CFMS. To tell you a little bit about me, I was raised in a rural town on Cape Breton Island in Nova Scotia. Prior to joining Dalhousie Medicine's class of 2026, I completed a Bachelor of Sciences degree with a major in Biology degree at Université Sainte-Anne in Nova Scotia.

I love medicine and the idea of improving healthcare, but I'm also passionate about many other things. Growing up on the East Coast gave me a love for the outdoors and a strong sense of community and family. As an Acadian, I feel a deep connection to Cape Breton's culture, especially its traditional music, dance, and celebrations like Ceilidhs and Kitchen Parties. Although I enjoy living in the city, I have a soft spot for small-town living, and I spend my summers in my hometown, where I appreciate the sense of community and simplicity.

As a person who values leadership and involvement, I aspire to make a positive impact on others. Joining CFMS provides me with the perfect opportunity to achieve this goal, and I firmly believe that my experiences and qualifications make me well-suited for the role of Atlantic Regional Director. Above all, I am passionate about using this platform to make a positive difference and I am excited about the possibility of representing the East Coast throughout the country.

## **Platform**

Prior to starting medical school, I served as the Regional Director for *La Société des Jeux de l'Acadie*, a non-profit organization that supports the development of Francophone youth in the Atlantic provinces through sports and cultural activities. As a leader in this role, I managed a team and oversaw the planning and execution of events, developing skills that are transferable to the role of Atlantic Regional Director for the CFMS.

I currently serve as the Student Affairs & Wellness Liaison for Dalhousie Medicine's class of 2026. In this role, I work to support the wellness of medical students by providing guidance and organizing events. This experience has honed my communication skills and strengthened my ability to work within institutional structures, both of which are crucial for the Atlantic Regional Director position.

I have also held several public relations roles, including coordinating for United Way, serving as a marketing assistant for The Elizabeth Fry Society, and working as a language teacher for the Government of Canada. These roles required public speaking and event planning skills that would serve me well in facilitating teleconferences and organizing events as the Atlantic Regional Director.

My experience working with a non-profit organization and Francophone youth in the Atlantic provinces has given me a unique perspective on the cultural and linguistic landscape of the region, which will be valuable in my role as the Atlantic Regional Director. Additionally, my experience working for a non-profit organization demonstrates a commitment to community development and a passion for making a positive impact in the lives of others.

Ultimately, as the representative for Atlantic medical students to the CFMS, I will be committed to promoting the well-being and development of medical students in the region. I would be honoured to have your vote and look forward to discussing my platform further in person!