

Association of Chiropractic Colleges
CHIROPRACTIC RESIDENCY MATCH
APPLICANT AGREEMENT

The Chiropractic Residency Match (Chiro Match) is a program of the Association of Chiropractic Colleges (ACC). By entering into this Agreement with ACC to participate in the Chiro Match for residency positions that start training in 2026, I agree to:

1. Abide by the Schedule of Dates and Rules of the Match shown on the Chiro Match website (natmatch.com/chiro), which are incorporated by reference in and are an integral part of this Agreement.
2. Provide complete and accurate information to the Chiro Match and to the programs to which I apply. All applications I submit to programs registered in the Chiro Match prior to the release of the Match results must be sent through the Chiro Match application service.
3. Accept that the Chiro Match does not set, recommend, standardize, or communicate any requirements for programs with regard to quality or content of training, the evaluation or eligibility of applicants, compensation, or the terms of any offer of appointment between an applicant and program. The Chiro Match is not responsible for the accuracy of program or applicant information or for any changes to that information. The Chiro Match is a service used by registered participants, and judgments regarding applicant or program selection and ranking remain exclusively with the registered participants.
4. Not make any commitment to or contract with any program that is registered in the Chiro Match prior to the release of the Chiro Match results. If I choose to accept a position at a program that is not registered in the Chiro Match or decide not to participate in the Chiro Match for any other reason, then I will not submit a Rank Order List and will submit a withdrawal from the Chiro Match prior to the Rank Order List deadline.
5. Accept appointment to the program with which I am matched. The program I match with will send a letter of confirmation of the Chiro Match result to me no later than 10 working days after release of the Chiro Match results. I must sign and return the letter in accordance with the program's instructions within 30 days of the release of the Chiro Match results. The Chiro Match result constitutes a binding obligation between me and the program. I will not accept another position without a written release from the program with which I have been matched. Furthermore, even if I am released from my Match obligation, I may be subject to legal action by the program and/or action by ACC if I do not attend the program with which I have been matched.
6. Pay National Matching Services Inc. (NMS) a non-refundable, non-transferable fee of fifty US dollars (\$50 USD) to register for the Chiro Match. The registration fee also pays for up to twelve (12) applications submitted to programs for positions beginning in 2026 using the Chiro Match application service. For every application in excess of twelve (12) that I submit to programs using the Chiro Match application service, I will pay an additional non-refundable, non-transferable application fee of \$20 USD.

I may freely discuss any matter with a program that does not include ranking information, and each may express a high level of interest in the other. I may voluntarily inform a program as to whether or not I intend to rank the program, and a program may voluntarily inform me as to whether or not it intends to rank me. However, neither party (applicant or program) may solicit such ranking information from the other party. In addition, neither party may disclose to the other party or solicit from the other party any information regarding the positioning of any program or applicant on a Rank Order List prior to the release of the Match results. Furthermore, any expression of interest or intention to rank made during the free discussion between me and a program is subject to change based on further considerations. Both the program and I have the right to change our Rank Order Lists at any time prior to the Rank Order List deadline.

The Rank Order List I submit for the Chiro Match is the sole determinant of my order of preference for programs participating in the Chiro Match. Similarly, the Rank Order List submitted by each program is the sole determinant of the program's order of preference for applicants participating in the Chiro Match.

Each participant is solely responsible for complying with all applicable laws and regulations related to their use of the Chiro Match and to any decisions they make regarding selection, rankings, or terms of offer or appointment between an applicant and a program.

I agree that information concerning my participation in the Chiro Match may be reported to programs registered in the Chiro Match, to ACC, and to other parties deemed appropriate by ACC. Examples of this information include, but are not limited to, my contact information, application information, Chiro Match participation status, and Chiro Match result.

I agree to accept the Terms of Use and Privacy Policies of the Chiro Match websites, as shown at natmatch.com/chiro. I agree that NMS, may contact me by email and/or phone regarding my participation in the Chiro Match.

My appointment to the program to which I am matched may be contingent on my satisfying eligibility requirements for appointment specified by the program and institution.

NMS and ACC assume no liability for any outcome of the matching process or for any decisions or agreements made between applicants and programs.

I understand that ACC has the authority to enforce this Agreement. If I violate any of the terms of this Agreement or the Chiro Match Rules, such as refusing to accept a position at the program with which I have been matched, the violation will be reported to ACC. ACC may report my actions to other Match participants, and may impose penalties on me, including barring me from participating in the Chiro Match in the future.

I agree that neither the ACC, NMS, nor any director, officer, employee, affiliate, or agent of the ACC or NMS will be liable for any loss, damage, cost, or expense whatsoever, direct or indirect, regardless of the cause, that may arise out of, or be in any way related to, this Agreement.