

Osteopathic Medicine Scholarships

AACOM Programs & Resources

- **AAMC Database**

AAMC provides resources for loan repayment, forgiveness, scholarship, and other programs designated by state.

- **Application Fee Waivers**

AACOM encourages financially disadvantaged applicants to become DOs. A limited number of fee waivers are available to those who apply early and qualify. Fee waiver requests must be received and processed prior to submitting an AACOMAS application.

- **Loan Repayment Strategies for Osteopathic Physicians**

This [webinar recording](#) and [materials](#) addresses how residents, fellows, and attending physicians are repaying their student loans; how to determine the best repayment strategy based on your student loan portfolio, training, and career plans; and how to adjust your repayment strategy as your circumstances change.

AMA Foundation

The school can nominate osteopathic medical students approaching the final year of school for up to \$10,000 in tuition assistance scholarships. Application deadline is typically in February.

American Osteopathic Foundation (AOF)

AOF provide resources that help support, encourage, and empower Osteopathic medical students through various stages in their academic journey with the following scholarships:

- **AOF Burnett Osteopathic Student Researcher Scholarship**
The AOF Burnett Osteopathic Student Researcher was established by John H. Burnett, DO and Mary M. Burnett, DO to support an Osteopathic medical student for their dedication to Osteopathic-oriented research. A bi-annual award in the amount of \$5,000 will be presented to one individual who has demonstrated a commitment to the science of Osteopathic principles and practice, an active interest in clinical or basic science research pertaining to Osteopathic medicine and manipulative treatment, and outstanding academic achievement and noteworthy accomplishments in research. Application is typically open September 1 to October 6th.
- **AOF Jeffrey Grove, DO, LGBTQ+ Pride Scholarship**
Established by Jeffrey Grove, DO, this educational scholarship is awarded annually to recognize an Osteopathic medical student committed to a course of study to better understand and address the unique healthcare needs of the LGBTQ+ community and how such needs can be addressed through Osteopathic medicine. Pride Scholars recognize LGBTQ+ identity, affirm equal rights for all, and celebrate the dignity and diversity of everyone in the LGBTQ+ and other marginalized communities. A scholarship award of \$10,000 will be presented to one (1) individual who exemplifies the scholarship's purpose.
- **AOF Karen J Nichols, DO, LEAD Scholar Award**
This educational scholarship is awarded annually to recognize an Osteopathic medical student whose leadership, excellence, achievement, and dedication are proven in the classroom and in the community. A scholarship award of \$5,000 will be presented to one individual who exemplifies the scholarship purpose.

- **AOF Rocovich Research Grant**

This research grant is given annually to recognize an Osteopathic medical student, resident, or physician who is advancing the profession by contributing to scholarly work through research and publication on the biomechanical, biomedical, or clinical aspects of Osteopathic manipulative treatment (OMT). A research grant of \$3,000 will be presented to one individual annually who exemplifies the grant purpose.

- **AOF Thomas A. Quinn, DO, Osteopathic Scholarship**

The AOF Thomas A. Quinn, DO, Osteopathic Scholarship is an annual scholarship award in the amount of \$4,000 that recognizes one Osteopathic medical student annually who is fervently committed to Osteopathic principles and practice and has maintained an above-average academic standing throughout their academic tenure. The scholarship will be distributed in two equal payments for two consecutive years provided the student remains in good academic standing. Application is typically open August 1 to September 6th.

Nominations Required:

- **AOF Sterling K. Welch Scholars Grants**

Named in honor of Sterling Welch, DO, for his outstanding generosity to the AOF and his desire to support Osteopathic medical students and promote education, this grant was established to provide monetary aid to Osteopathic medical students. Each College/School of Osteopathic Medicine (COM/SOM) and branch campus may nominate one student who is in significant financial need to receive a \$1,250 grant. Application is typically August 1 to December 15th.

- **AOF COVID-19 Osteopathic Hero Award**
In recognition of the important work of Osteopathic professionals in the fight against COVID-19, this award up to \$1,000 honors healthcare professionals and students who have gone beyond to provide exceptional pandemic-related patient care, and/or addressed COVID-related medical necessities within their communities. Application is typically open August 1 to December 15th.
- **AOF/AAOA Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Awards**
In partnership with the Advocates for the American Osteopathic Association (AAOA), the AOF extends this award to life partners of graduating Osteopathic medical students who best exemplify the type of unselfish, immeasurable support and personal sacrifice that is crucial to their partner's success.
- **AOF/AOA Presidential Memorial Leadership Scholarship**
This educational award was created to recognize Osteopathic medical students committed to the principals of Osteopathic medicine and who have taken great strides toward becoming top student leaders. These individuals have been instrumental in motivating people, and they take conscious, well-calculated steps to develop themselves and others. One educational scholarship in the amount of \$7,500 will be awarded to a student who exemplifies Osteopathic principals and aligns with the scholarship purpose.
- **AOF Golden Ticket Scholarship**
The Golden Ticket Scholarship recognizes those who

despite financial obstacles have achieved academic excellence, displayed leadership, made a commitment to community outreach, and embody Osteopathic tenants and philosophy. Three educational scholarships will be awarded to Osteopathic students who exemplify the scholarship's purpose. Three students will be recognized as finalists and awarded a \$5,000 educational scholarship. One of the three students will be selected as the Golden Ticket Winner and awarded an additional \$15,000.

Christian Medical and Dental Associations

Students and resident members who wish to spend time overseas as a rotation elective may apply for mission scholarships.

Civil Servant Agencies - Service Agreement

Medical students who are interested in committing to future service working as a civil service (public sector employee working for a government department or agency) that meet the qualifying criteria for a scholarship, loan repayment assistance, or loan forgiveness may be eligible to apply through the below agencies as well as other federal agencies.

- Indian Health Service (IHS)
- Centers For Disease Control
- National Institutes of Health
- National Health Service Corps
- U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA)

Colorado Springs Osteopathic Foundation

Second year osteopathic medical students may apply for a \$10,000 Tuition Scholarship for their third year of medical school. The scholarships are automatically renewed for their fourth year if

the recipients remain in good standing. Application is typically open November 1 to February 1st.

- **Alice W. Rooke Scholarship**
A \$5,000 scholarship awarded to one student accepted and pursuing to become a medical doctor (no pre-med, veterinarian, or physician assistant) at approved, accredited medical schools, colleges, and universities. The scholarship is not automatically renewable; however, applicant may reapply for up to four years.
- **Dr. Francis Anthony Beneventi Medical Scholarship**
A preferred amount \$5,000 scholarship awarded to one student either attending or planning to attend an approved, accredited medical school, college, or university. The applicant must have a minimum GPA of 3.25.
- **Irene and Daisy MacGregor Memorial Scholarship**
The Irene and Daisy MacGregor Memorial Scholarship is awarded to two students of high scholastic standing and character who has been accepted into or are pursuing an approved course of study to become a medical doctor (no pre-med, veterinarian or physician assistant) at an approved, accredited medical school. Renewal is conditional upon maintenance of a GPA of 3.25. There is a preference to females "if equally qualified."

Health Career Scholarships

IOKDS provides an annual Health Career Scholarship application to medical and dental students who have completed their first professional year. Applications typically open November 1st to March 1st.

Herbert W. Nickens Medical Student Scholarships

The school may nominate an OMS III student who have shown leadership in efforts to eliminate inequities in medical education and health care that has demonstrated leadership initiative in addressing educational, societal, and health care needs of racial and ethnic minorities in the United States for a scholarship up to \$5,000. Application deadline is typically April 1st.

Maine Osteopathic Association Scholarships

Two scholarships in the amount of \$1,000 are awarded to students attending accredited AOA approved colleges of osteopathic medicine who are Maine residents. Application deadline is typically June 30th.

Military Scholarships/Programs - Service Agreement

Medical students may be eligible to apply for a scholarship through the [Army](#), [Air Force](#) and [Navy](#) if they wish to commit to future military service for the following programs:

- **Financial Assistance Program (FAP)**
OMS IV students who wish to attend an accredited residency in a specialty that the Military considers critical may be eligible to receive an annual grant and monthly stipend through the Financial Assistance Program.
- **Health Professions Scholarship Program (HPSP)**
This scholarship may provide full tuition, books, equipment, school fee, monthly stipends, and a sign-on bonus with a minimum service commitment of three years.
- **Part-Time Service**
Medical students already accepted to a civilian school may be eligible to apply to participate in the Reserve and Guard's

Medical and Dental Student Stipend Program, which offers monthly compensation in exchange for part-time service.

Muhlenberg Foundation

Qualified candidates attending medical or osteopathic school may be eligible to apply for this scholarship. Application deadline is typically May 1st.

Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation

OMS II, III or IV students who are committed to practicing medicine in Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, and/or Washington state; or the Northwest in general may apply. No scholarships are provided to first-year students. Application typically opens February 28th.

OSR Community and Diversity Committee

Medical students may find the OSR Community and Diversity Committee as a helpful resource in search of fellowships, grants, and scholarships.

SOMA Foundation

Osteopathic medical students who are members of the SOMA may be eligible to apply for the below scholarships:

- Dr. Robert S. Juhasz, DO, Innovative Leadership in Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship
- Ed and Melissa Loniewski Medically Underserved Scholarship
- Women in Medicine Scholarship
- Marvin H. and Kathleen G. Teget Leadership in Specialty Medicine Scholarship
- Humanism in Medicine Scholarship
- New Member Scholarship
- Community and Preventive Medicine Scholarship
- International Medical Outreach Scholarship

- SOMA Fall Travel Grant
- SOMA Osteopathic Medical Education (OMED) Grant
- SOMA Foundation Spring Travel Grant
- Chapter Grant Program - Rolling Applications
- SOMA Scholar Award

Southern Medical Scholarships

SMA med student members can apply who are rising fourth year medical students. Application deadline is typically August 22nd.

VA HPSP - Service Agreement

Medical students may apply for the Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP) if they agree to a future service commitment with the VA to receive tuition, stipend, and other educational costs. Applications are open year-round.

Wellsford and Mildred Clark Medical Memorial Scholarship

Third-year medical school students entering their fourth year of medical school who are Connecticut residents may apply for this scholarship for up to \$20,000.

White Coat Investor Medical Scholarship

A for-profit business that offers medicine, osteopathic medicine, podiatry, dentistry, law, pharmacy, optometry, physician assistant, nurse practitioner, CRNA, anesthesiologist assistant, or veterinarian an opportunity for scholarships. It has no endowment fund, so the scholarship money is raised anew every year. Application is typically open June 1st to August 31st.

United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHSCC) - Service Agreement

USPHSCC is the federal uniformed service of the United States Public Health Service (PHS) consisting of commissioned officers as

one of the seven uniformed services of the United States. The PHS Commissioned Corps fills public health leadership and service roles within federal government agencies and programs that provides scholarships and loan repayment.

Osteopathic Medicine Minority Scholarships

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- **Sherry R. Arnstein Minority Scholarships**

Each year AACOM awards a financial scholarship to at least two osteopathic medical students, of which at least one is a newly accepted student and one a continuing student. This scholarship is named after former AACOM Executive Director Sherry R. Arnstein.

ACG Summer Scholars Program

Open to medical students in the U.S. from underrepresented racial/ethnic minority groups in medicine. Application is typically open February 25th to April 15th.

American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)

AMWA Medical Student Members may apply for awards and grants.

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- **AOF William G. Anderson, DO, Minority Scholarship**

This education scholarship strives to recognize outstanding minority medical students who are on their way to becoming

tomorrow's Osteopathic physicians, committed to the pursuit of eliminating health care disparities and to enhance patient-centered care. A limited number of educational scholarships in the amount of \$10,000 will be awarded to minority students who exemplify the scholarship purpose.

Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)

Applicants must be citizens of the United States to apply for a scholarship offered by the DAR Scholarship Committee.

Applicants must also attend or plan to attend an accredited college or university in the United States.

- **Leslie Andree Hanna Medical Scholarship**

A one-time preferred amount of \$5,000 to a deserving female student who is a US citizen attending medical school.

The selection process is based on academic merit with a minimum GPA of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale or the equivalent GPA on the scale used by the applicable educational institution.

The recipient may reapply for the scholarship each year but is not guaranteed the award.

GoodRx Scholarship

Current pre-medical undergraduates or medical students who self-identify as Black or African American with a minimum GPA of 3.0.

National Medical Fellowship

Medical and health professions students across all minority groups represented in healthcare can apply for various scholarships and support.