

Osteopathic Medicine Scholarships

Below are outside scholarship opportunities specific to osteopathic medical students and minority osteopathic medical students. Additional resources can be found on [Scholarships](#).

AACOM Programs & Resources

- [AACOMAS Application Fee Waiver](#)

Open to those pursuing osteopathic medical school who apply early to qualify for a fee waiver. Fee waiver requests must be received and processed prior to submitting an AACOMAS application.

- [Sherry R. Arnstein Underrepresented Minority Scholarship](#)

Open to accepted or continuing osteopathic medical student in their first, second or third year that are African American, Native American, Alaska Native, or Native Hawaiian, mainland Puerto Rican or Hispanic American as directed per the Sherry Arnstein Trust.

- [Northwest Osteopathic Medical Foundation](#)

Open to OMS II, III or IV students to apply for a scholarship award of \$10,000 or more for:

- A student from Alaska that is dedicated to returning to Alaska.
- A student from Montana that is dedicated to returning to Montana.
- A student from Washington that is dedicated to returning to Washington.
- A student of color from a historically underrepresented group that demonstrates a commitment to helping improve healthcare outcomes through patient care for people of color.
- A student who can demonstrate a commitment to helping improve healthcare outcomes through patient care in the LGBTQ+ community.
- A general scholarship

Applications typically opens February 28th.

Rural Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship (ROMS)

The Rural Osteopathic Medicine Scholarship is a scholarship program that will minimize medical school educational indebtedness while helping to meet the healthcare needs of rural Arkansans for generations to come. This program provides rural practice loans during medical school. Then, recipients convert these loans to scholarship grants by practicing full-time primary care medicine in a rural community in Arkansas. You must be a bona fide resident of Arkansas and apply and be acted for admissions to be enrolled in good standing in a medical school in Arkansas in students that lead to the degree of Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine.

American Medical Women's Association (AMWA)

AMWA Medical Student Members may apply for awards and grants.

AAMC Database

AAMC provides a free searchable database of state and federal loan repayment and forgiveness programs.

- [AAMC Students & Residents](#)

Interested in a service career or want to reduce your medical school debt by working in public service or the military.

- **United States Public Health Service Commissioned Corps (USPHSCC)**
Is a 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 Commissions Corps fills public health leadership and service roles within federal government agencies in positions such as: therapists, physical therapists, physician assistants, occupational therapists, and physicians.
- **Civil Service Programs**
As a civil servant (public sector employee working for a government department or agency) you may meet the qualifying criteria for a scholarship, loan repayment assistance, or loan forgiveness. Opportunities exist to serve through the below and other federal agencies:
 - **Indian Health Service**
 - **Centers for Disease Control**
 - **National Institutes of Health**
 - **National Health Service Corps**
 - **U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HRSA)**
- **Military Programs**
Some medical professionals may choose to obtain their medical degree by participating in a military scholarship or loan repayment program. The qualifications and commitment for each program vary, so research your options with the various branches of the military.
 - **Medicine + The Military**
 - **Opportunities with the Army National Guard**
- The **U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs** highlights various programs on their website. Some of these programs include:
 - **Education Debt Reduction Program (EDRP)**
 - **Specialty Education Loan Repayment Program (SELRP)**
 - **Health Professional Scholarship Program (HPSP)**.
- **AACOM 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.

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.

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's 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.

- **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.

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.

Chinese American Medical Society (CAMS) Scholarship

Open to all first, second and third year medical or dental students that are current or pending CAMS Student members for up to \$5,000 in a stipend. The deadline to apply is March 31st.

Christian Medical and Dental Associations

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

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.

Conway Regional Health Foundation

Open to students who are currently enrolled, or beginning their education, in certain health related career fields. The deadline is typically in March.

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.

Donna Jones Moritsugu Memorial Award

Open to a legally recognized spouse of a graduating fourth year osteopathic medical student may be honored by each COM. Deadline is typically in May.

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.

GMiS STEM Scholarship

Open to applicants of Hispanic descent and/or must demonstrate significant leadership or service within the underserved community that is enrolled in a STEM or health-related undergraduate or graduate program for the upcoming Fall semester at an accredited 2-yr or 4-yr college/university in the U.S. or its territories.

GoodRx Scholarship

Open to current pre-medical undergraduates or medical students who self-identify as a Black or African American with a minimum GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale (or its equivalent) for a scholarship. The deadline to apply is July 7th.

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.

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."

Jackson County Memorial Hospital Foundation

Students from Southwest Oklahoma who are enrolled in medical school, dental school, physician assistant and advanced practice nurse practitioner programs who wants to return to Southwest Oklahoma community to practice medicine may be eligible to apply for the following scholarships:

- Mac Mollison Scholarship
Open to medical school students or master/doctorate level of nursing based on academic performance and financial need.
- Judy and Gwyn Womack Memorial Scholarship
Open to medical/dental school, physician assistant, and advanced practice nurse practitioner students.

Applications typically open in May.

Kansas Osteopathic Medical Service Scholarship

Designed to encourage primary care physicians to establish practices in rural areas of Kansas. Recipients receipt \$20,000 per year for up to 4 years of study at a nationally accredited osteopathic school. Recipients return one year of practice for each year of assistance. Applicants must complete a program application and the designated financial aid application. The priority deadline is May 15th.

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. The deadline to apply is typically by February 2nd.

LMSA National Scholarship

Open to current LMSA members with proof of paid membership who are attending or will be attending a DO or MD degree granting program for a scholarship up to \$500. Applicants must be committed to advancing the state of healthcare and education in Hispanic, Latina/o/x, and other underserved communities, as shown through leadership in extracurricular activities and/or membership in civic organizations.

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.

Muhlenberg Foundation

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

National Hispanic Health Foundation

Open to any student enrolled or accepted in an accredited graduate school for medicine, dentistry, pharmacy, nursing, and physician assistant programs. Applicants are not required to be Hispanic, but an affinity for the health of Hispanic communities and an interest in participating in NHHF Scholars

Alumni activities are required. Applications open between May-June and close September 15th.

National Medical Fellowship

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

Scholarship recipients will receive a merit-based scholarship ranging in amounts from \$500 to \$5,000, or a non-merit-based scholarship ranging from \$500 - \$1,000. In addition, they will be listed in the GMiS Scholars press release and receive transportation support to the annual GMiS Conference.

OSR Community and Diversity Committee

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

Piscano Leadership Program

Open to third-year medical students who wish to apply for an annual scholarship of \$5,000 to be received during their final year of medical school and their first three years of Family Medicine training. Scholars are expected to attend annual leadership skills development symposia organized by PLF each year. Application deadline is May 1st.

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.

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.

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