

Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine

Underrepresented Minority Scholarship Application

2023

The Alabama College of Osteopathic Medicine (ACOM) Underrepresented Minority Scholarship recognizes underrepresented minority (URM) students.

Each year the Southeast Health Foundation (Foundation) in partnership with the ACOM annually awards two financial scholarships of \$5,000 to osteopathic medical students from the ACOM Scholarship Fund (Fund). The scholarship is administered by the Foundation and eligibility criteria are listed below.

1. Applicants must:

- a) be a minority Osteopathic medical student.
For the purpose of this scholarship, a minority is defined as Black/ African American; Native Americas (including American Indians and Alaska Natives), Pacific Islander/ Hawaiian; Latinos (including Puerto Ricans) or other Hispanic ethnic origins.
- b) have completed the first-year curriculum successfully and will be entering the ACOM as an OMS II, III, or IV.
- c) be in good standing and maintain a minimum grade-point average (GPA) of 3.0 at ACOM.
- d) have demonstrated leadership in a role that addressed the educational, societal, and health needs of minorities OR in addressing the inequities in medical education and health care.
- e) complete FORM A of the application.
- f) in essay format respond to the following essay prompts:
 - How and why were you drawn to osteopathic medicine? (limited to 2,000 characters)
 - Describe a significant challenge you experienced in your lifetime. Tell us your ideas that could help others overcome similar challenges. (limited to 2,000 characters)
 - Describe a leadership role where you addressed the educational, societal, and health needs of minorities. Or describe a leadership role where you addressed the inequities in medical education and health care. (limited to 4,000 characters)
- g) agree to furnish to the Foundation such academic records, reports, transcripts, and certificates as the Foundation may reasonably request. The recipient further agrees that the Foundation may contact the ACOM to obtain such information as the Foundation may deem appropriate in connection to the scholarship.
- h) agree that the Foundation may request the recipient's assistance in the promotion of its scholarship programs, and agrees, if contacted, to voluntarily provide, and let the Foundation use, photographs, quotations, or other information to help the Foundation in its public relations, marketing and fundraising efforts.

2. Applicants will be evaluated on a number of factors including academic records, leadership qualities, community service, recommendations and the applicant's essay.
3. Dependents of the scholarship selection committee may not apply. **For the purpose of this scholarship a dependent is defined as a person who relies on someone else for financial support and can include children or other relatives.*
4. Scholarships will be awarded based on the selection guidelines of the scholarship selection committee.
5. Scholarship recipients will be granted an award of \$5,000 paid directly to the ACOM to meet educational expenses of the recipient.
6. Completed application packets must be postmarked or received at the address at the bottom of this form by March 1. Applications received after this date and incomplete applications will not be considered.
7. Recipients will be announced in the spring of 2023. Any scholarship funds unused or unclaimed after one year from the date when issued will return to the scholarship fund.

Scholarship Application Checklist

Completed application packets must include the following:

- Scholarship Application Form A
- An essay responding to the stated essay prompts.
 Essay should ensure the following:
The ideas are innovative or have an innovative component.
The ideas are presented with proposed actions.
The essay thoroughly discusses the significant impact of proposed actions.
The proposed actions are feasible.
The applicant displays a willingness to promote osteopathic medicine to underrepresented minorities. The essay is well written and grammatically correct.
The essay addresses all questions.
 - Essays need to be double-spaced, 12 pt. Times New Roman font, 8,000 characters or less and written in response to the essay prompts listed on the ACOM Minority Scholarship Application.
- Transcript to include current GPA
- Two letters of recommendation. One letter from an ACOM faculty member and one letter from a physician (D.O. or M.D.).

If the application packet is **not** completed when it is submitted, it will be disposed of without consideration. Please be sure your application packet is complete upon submission.

Please submit your completed application by March 1 to:

Attn: _____

For additional information, _____



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Scholarship Application Form A

Full Name: Last Initial First Middle

Address: Street City State Zip

Phone: Cell Phone:

Email:

I will be entering this school year: (CIRCLE ONE) OMS II OMS III OMS IV

I have read the enclosed scholarship guidelines and ask that I be considered for an award with full understanding of the conditions.

Also, I give my permission for release of information necessary to determine my qualifications for this award.

I understand that evaluations will be kept confidential, and I waive any right of access to them.

Applicants Signature: Date:

Please submit your completed application by March 1 to:

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